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How Ioan signed up for a register, and 13 years later saved a young boy's life



Life saver Ioan Evans.

A RUGBY player from Bridgend is calling on fellow rugby players to join him in 'kicking blood cancer into touch' after he donated lifesaving bone marrow to a young boy from America.

Ioan Evans (27) was one of the few suitable matches in the world capable of saving the patient, despite the pair living thousands of miles apart. For many patients, donations like Ioan's are the only chance of survival, yet only 60 per cent of people will ever find a possible lifesaving match.

Ioan, who is originally from Cwmwrch in the Swansea Valleys, is now urging others to follow in his footsteps as part of the Welsh Blood Service's 'Chilled Out Lifesaver' campaign, which aims to encourage 17-30 year olds to ask about joining the Welsh Bone Marrow Donor Registry the next time they give blood.

He said: "Joining is really easy to do, and I'm so glad that I did. I've changed someone's life because of it."

"Just find a blood donation clinic near you and let them know you want to join the bone marrow register."

"I've been on it since I could first join at 17 years old. Years later I was finally matched with this little boy."

"After finding out I was a match, the Welsh Blood Service told me the bone marrow was for a little boy living in America. Finding that out was really heart-warming and it gave me the motivation throughout the

process.

"I donated in December, so I thought it would be one of the best Christmas presents this young child will ever receive. I just wanted to do anything I could to help him."

"There's a misconception that giving bone marrow is really painful and that there are huge needles involved but it was pretty straight forward. After the operation, I actually woke up and asked if they'd done it yet because I couldn't feel any pain."

"Everyone in my life has been really supportive throughout the process; my partner, my work, and my teammates. I play for Clwb Rygbi Cymry Caerdydd, a Welsh language rugby club in Cardiff, and I help to manage Ospreys Women's rugby."

"I still think about the young boy, his family and everything they must have gone through. I would really like to meet them one day."

Ioan made his donation through an operation, which takes the lifesaving bone marrow from a donor's hip bone.

Only 20 per cent of bone marrow donations are collected this way.

"Most donations are made through apheresis, a process which involves being connected to a machine that separates the cells that are needed from the blood, and returning the blood to the donor."

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Four bodies chip in to help pay for Porthcawl lifeguards

RNLI lifeguards will continue to be seen on beaches in Bridgend county, subject to a final agreement on the terms of the three-year contract, which will cost a total of around £300,000.

The agreement, which covers Trecco Bay, Coney Beach, Rest Bay and Pink Bay follows a pilot project over the past couple of years.

The costs are being met by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), Parkdean (which operates Trecco Bay Caravan Park), and Porthcawl Town Council.

The RNLI will be making a substantial contribution over the contract period and will manage the recruitment, training, equipment, uniforms, supervision and management of lifeguards.

The GEM understands that the financial breakdown, published earlier this week, has still to be finalised and agreed.

Speaking at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, March 27, Cllr Charles Smith said: "At one stage

we were employing our own lifeguards and at one stage it looked as if there would have to be some cuts."

"We were in danger, for example, of losing the cover at Pink Bay."

"We were aware of tragedies like the one that happened at Camber Sands and we didn't want to be the councillors being interviewed on the television the next day explaining why we cut lifeguard cover."

"The arrangement with the RNLI is a winner all round, we still employ local people who are the seasonal lifeguards, so it suits students and workers who are available in the summer."

He added: "I'd like to pay special tribute to

Porthcawl Town Council and the Parkdean company at Trecco Bay for 'stepping up to the plate' and helping with the financing of this."

Council leader Huw David said: "This is a fantastic example of true partnership. We have the public sector, private sector and third sector involved."

"The councils are working with Parkdean who are a very important part of the private sector in the tourism economy in Porthcawl and we're working with a very prestigious and successful organisation like the RNLI."

"All that means we are able to protect the service that can, and does, save people's lives."

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North Cornelly assault: police appeals for witnesses

OFFICERS from South Wales Police are investigating an assault on a 27-year-old man that happened around 8pm on Wednesday, April 4.

A force spokesperson said: "While walking along Gibbons Way in North Cornelly, the victim was assaulted and knocked to the ground

by two males who were riding a green-coloured off-road motorcycle."

"We are appealing for any witnesses to the incident or for any information regarding the identity of the people responsible."

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WELSH INTERNATIONALS MEET FANS IN MAESTEG



Gareth Davies, Dan Lydiate and Ken Owens meet some of their fans in Maesteg.

RUGBY fans in Maesteg recently a chance to meet Six Nations heroes including Gareth Davies and Ken Owens at a special event organised by Oil 4 Wales

During the day players including Rob Evans, Jonathan Davies, Dan Lydiate, Gareth Davies, and Ken Owens, who are ambassadors for the oil distributor, were on hand to sign autographs and take photos with their fans.

Visitors were also able to look around the garage, which underwent a major £200,000 refurbishment in 2017 thanks to Oil 4 Wales.

The relaunched garage includes a full deli and bakery serving home made cakes, pies and freshly baked breads, along with its new café.

Maesteg Garage is based on Llwydarth Road, Maesteg, and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Radio station Easter egg appeal spreads happiness



Bridge FM donated Easter eggs to local hospital wards and charities recently.

BRIDGE FM Radio's annual Easter egg appeal encouraged listeners to donate chocolate eggs across the county borough.

The eggs were then distributed to 11 local charities and organisations that help disadvantaged local children and families.

Bridge FM Director, Craig

Thomas said: "With over 400 Easter eggs donated and collected, we'd like to say a big 'thank you' to our listeners and the local business community for their generosity."

"Special thanks also go to our main supporters of the appeal Filco, G4S Parc and the Easter Bunny for helping us deliver the donations."

BFM

Call for rethink on plans to scrap uniform grant

A BRIDGEND councillor has slammed the decision by the Welsh Government to scrap the school uniform grant.

Carolyn Webster has described the move as 'heartless' and says it will hit poor families the hardest.

The Conservative councillor for Newcastle said: "Whoever thought this was a good idea ought to be ashamed of themselves. For families on tight budgets, every single penny counts."

The school uniform grant has been available to year 7 pupils in receipt of free school meals. It is worth £700,000 and helped more than 5,000



Bridgend councillor Carolyn Webster is calling for the uniform grant to remain.

pupils last year.

It will not be available for 2018/19 because, the Welsh Government says, the cost of uniforms has come down.

Cllr Webster said: "As a mother, I know the cost

of a school uniform and sports kit is not insignificant – especially when there is more than one child in the family.

"The money has to be found from somewhere. This will come as bad news to families who have relied on the grant in the past to make sure their child is well-turned out in the correct clothes for school."

She added: "I will be calling on Carwyn Jones, our AM, to lead the charge for a rethink on this. He needs to stand up for the less well-off, not just in his own constituency but across Wales."

The grant has been administered by councils and parents apply to the local authority.

LOCALS LEAVE MARK ON MAESTEG



From left: Morganstone's Antonia John; Linc's Justine Scorrer; prize draw winner Helen Cody; Barry Waters; and Morganstone's Ralph Hughes.

MAESTEG residents were recently asked to suggest names for a new development in the town, and the street it would be built on.

Housing association Linc Cymru and Morganstone, a construction company, invited residents to name the new 'extra care scheme' being built. 'Tŷ Llwynderw' was the winning suggestion from Barry Waters, who named it after a school he attended.

Mr Waters said: "I am over the moon to have won. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at

from the competition entries on this occasion, so to award the prize of Love2Shop vouchers, every entrant was placed into a random draw and the winner was Helen Cody, which wasn't chosen

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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13 Fri	05.41	8.6	17.59	8.7
14 Sat	06.22	9.1	18.42	9.3
15 Sun	06.58	9.6	19.15	9.7
16 Mon	07.37	9.9	19.54	10.0
17 Tues	08.15	10.1	20.31	10.1
18 Wed	08.53	10.2	21.09	10.0
19 Thur	09.32	9.9	21.49	9.8

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CAERAU GROWERS SHOW OFF THEIR PRODUCE



Maesteg Mayor Cllr Idris Williams (right) prepares a pancake.
Photo by Scenic Gallery.

ON April 7, to celebrate the new growing season of 2018, Caerau Community Growers threw open the gates and welcomed in the people of Caerau to celebrate the beginning of spring.

During the afternoon, they had the opportunity to view and experience facilities at the garden.

This included beehives, fish and wildlife ponds complete with viewing deck, wigwam, cob oven and a chance to use the newly-installed 'eco-friendly', solar-powered compost toilet.

Despite the weather, the day was a huge success, with families taking part in an Easter egg treasure hunt. There was a variety of activities on offer, including garden crafts to engage children with their families.

They had the opportunity to eat a range of different foods, including a chance to taste free-range eggs, from our hens at Caerau Cluck Inn.

Visitors at the garden also had the chance to see a demonstration of a growing system called

the QC/Ultraponics, which is soon to be launched at Caerau Market Garden.

This new growing system will enable people to grow their own food at home, reportedly cost effectively, without using soil.

Founder and chair, Andrew James, said: "I was absolutely delighted with the level of attendance and engagement of families in the event."

"It was a fun and educational day where children and families learned new life skills which achieved the aims and objectives of the project."

"I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all our members for all their hard work, support and ongoing commitment to our garden."

The event was attended by the Mayor of Maesteg, Idris Williams and AM Huw Irranca-Davies. The day was made possible through the Invest Local Caerau.

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Isabella's receives top Welsh award nomination

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GERAINT JONES and Sonia De Abreu of Isabella's in Porthcawl are thrilled that The Good Food Wales Awards have nominated them for 'Best World Cuisine Restaurant in Wales'.

The awards recognise the very best of the Welsh food industry – from those who produce the ingredients to those who serve them, including restaurants, takeaways, hotels and cafés.

Geraint said: "We are very proud to be the only representatives of Porthcawl."

"The restaurant trade is a tough environment to get right and our success is down to hard work, determination and a great team of staff."

Sonia explained:



Geraint Jones and Sonia De Abreu of Isabella's will be attending The Good Food Wales Awards on April 23.

"Isabella's was established eight years ago and we are all so excited to have been acknowledged for the high standards we set."

"This has been shown with a recent level 5 rating for our food hygiene, as well as being highly ranked on

TripAdvisor. "Just to be nominated is a great achievement and we are so happy to be among some very well-known competition from all over Wales."

The award ceremony will take place April 23 at The Exchange Hotel, Cardiff.

Lions 'put the boot in'

NEWS just in and confirmed is that the Porthcawl Lions car boot starts on Sunday, May 6 at Porthcawl rugby ground.

Car booters are invited to attend from 8am through to 1pm and the cost is £6 per pitch. Weather permitting the car boot will be open for business every Sunday throughout the summer.

The contacts for this Porthcawl Lions event are Brian at barl@talktalk.net or Jim on jabmarshall@tiscali.co.uk

All money raised goes to worthy charities and organisations supported

by Porthcawl Lions.

On the following Bank Holiday Monday, May 7, it is the Lions May Fayre at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue, and stall holders are invited to contact Carole on caroleroberts@btinternet.com.

The fair will operate from 11am-4pm with all sorts of games, events and entertainment suitable for family fun. There will be a grand dog show in addition to a Teddy Bears' Picnic, so bring your teddy along and enjoy stories and songs suitable for teddies.

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Côr Heol y March become international champions again

IT was a busy and very successful March for Côr Heol y March, the prize winning children's and youth choir based near Welsh St Donats.

Following a successful appearance on March 12 at the finals of the Barnardo's national choral competition and concert in the Festival Hall, London (the only Welsh choir selected to take part), the choir then continued to rehearse in preparation for the inaugural International Choral Festival Wales, held at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff over the Easter weekend.

Those preparations paid off, because not only did they win the afternoon 'Young Voices' competition with a gold award, but also the evening final competition 'Choir of Choirs' prize, the prestigious Sir Karl Jenkins Trophy (beautifully crafted by Glass by Design from Penarth) and a cheque for £2,000!

The final included two



Côr Heol y March singing at the Wales Millennium Centre.

adult choirs and two other youth choirs, representing Wales, England, and South Africa.

Conductor Eleri Roberts said: "I'm so proud that the choir has won in a major international competition again! We have a lot of new young members in the choir, and it was a great experience for them

and our established choristers, who have been faithful members for many years.

"Many thanks to our accompanists Ieuan Jones and Eleri Darkins, and the parents for their fantastic support, especially our hard working choir administrators, Emma Davies and Mary Jones." AS

Lottery Fund sessions

BRIDGEND organisations and Association of groups looking for Voluntary funding, to meet **Andrew Harris** (BAVO) has from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for local voluntary at a free

information session in BAVO's offices in Maesteg on Monday, April 23 from 2pm-4pm.

During the information session, Andrew Harris will be explaining the funding programmes, the ways of increasing the type and number of applications for HLF, and explaining how it can help this happen.

The Bridgend area is considered to be a priority development area for the HLF until March 2019, by which time a new strategic plan will be launched and the priority areas likely to change.

The event will take place at BAVO, 112-113 Commercial Street, Maesteg, CF34 9L. Spaces are limited, so contact Jan Thickpenny at 01656 810400 or bavo@bavo.org.uk. BS

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"Call 01656 654884 to make a booking." AS



The gold award.

IOAN BECOMES A LIFESAVER

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Emma Cook, head of the Welsh Bone Marrow Registry, said: "Only 30 per cent in need of a donation can find a suitable match within their own family which is why we're so thankful for people like Ioan who've selflessly given to someone in need."

"The chances of finding a lifesaving match are low, which is why it is so important to ensure as many people as possible living in Wales sign up to become chilled out lifesavers with the Welsh Bone Marrow Donor Registry."

"The Welsh rugby playing community has been hugely supportive of the bone marrow donor

registry and a large number of our recent donors have been involved with the game, either playing or coaching."

"We're so lucky to have such a community-spirited bunch of sportspeople supporting our cause."

"For any 17-30 year old looking to do something amazing in 2018, visiting a Welsh Blood Service clinic and asking to join the register is a great way to start."

To join the bone marrow register, book an appointment to give blood by visiting welsh-blood.org.uk or calling the Welsh Blood Service on 0800 25 2266.

Cosmology Corner pays tribute to Stephen Hawking

LAST month, Cosmology Corner looked at the life of Albert Einstein, and I concluded by drawing attention to the remarkable coincidence of Professor Hawking's death (aged 76) on March 14, being the 139th anniversary of Einstein's birth.

Well, the coincidence doesn't end there. Stephen Hawking was born on January 8, 1942, which was the 300th anniversary of the death of Galileo.

Three giants of modern cosmology... symbolic? Perhaps, but time, after all, is indeed relative. That these three great minds are somehow linked, however tenuously, is perhaps a good argument for the existence of a cosmic thread running through the fabric of space-time, linking everything together.

Over his long career as a scientist, Hawking captured worldwide renown and respect, but in 1963, at the age of 21, he was diagnosed with motor neuron disease and was given just two years to live.

The disease cruelly reduced his body's control to the flexing of a finger and voluntary eye movements, but left his mental faculties untouched. He said that the prospect of an early death urged him onwards through his numerous intellectual achievements and breakthroughs.

Despite his steadily worsening condition, Hawking gained a first class honours degree in physics from the University of Oxford before going on to Cambridge to research cosmology.

After gaining a PhD

in 1965 with his thesis 'Properties of Expanding Universes', Hawking worked as a research fellow in the Department of Theoretical Physics at Cambridge and became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1974.

He went on to become Professor of Gravitational Physics in 1977 and from 1979 to 2009, he held the post of Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, a chair previously held by Sir Isaac Newton in 1669.

Professor Hawking roamed the cosmos from a wheelchair, pondering the nature of time, gravity and the origin of the universe. He became his generation's unrivalled leader in exploring gravity and, in particular, the properties of black holes – those bottomless gravitational pits so deep and dense that not even light can escape them.

His work led to a turning point in modern physics when he applied quantum theory, the strange laws that govern subatomic particles, to black holes. He was puzzled to discover that black holes would eventually leak particles and energy (Hawking radiation) before finally exploding into nothingness.

In spite of being wheelchair-bound and dependent on a computerised voice for communication, Stephen combined a fulfilling family life (he leaves three children and three grandchildren) with his research and an extensive programme of travel and public lectures.

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PORTHCAWL businessman Jon Wall is now officially the new High Sheriff of Mid-Glamorgan.

Mr Wall's declaration ceremony took place recently at The Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

He is pictured (above) with his son Ben, and his wife and Consort, Nici, at the declaration ceremony.

The Office of High Sheriff dates back to the 10th century and is the oldest continuous secular office of state.

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Lions' book sale a roaring success



From right: president Patrick Halliwell; Cllr Pamela Davies; and past president John Paton.

BRIDGEND Lions' book sale, held at Westward Community Centre recently, raised the grand total of more than £5,000.

Organiser Tony Rees and president Patrick Halliwell wish to thank all concerned who supported the event, with special thanks to the Mayor of the Borough, Cllr Pam Davies, who opened this popular event and enjoyed refreshments in the pop-up café run by the Lions' wives Gloria, Bidy and Carol.



Mary Metcalf, who won the raffle, receives a large Easter egg from Patrick Halliwell.

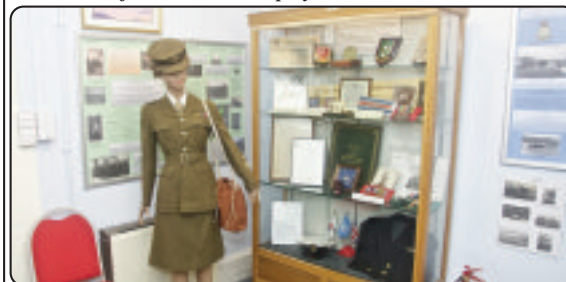
Porthcawl Museum reopens for the summer season



PICTURED (left to right): Paul Joseph, chairman of Porthcawl Museum; Madeline Moon MP; Air Commodore Adrian Williams, Flying Officer Martyn D Davies; and Rob Taylor, Porthcawl Museum.



Part of the RAF 100 display at Porthcawl Museum.



AFTER further renovation works during the winter months, Porthcawl Museum opened its doors to the public at the end of March.

Repair works continue in parts of the building and other exhibitions and displays have been updated and repositioned.

Current exhibits include the Porthcawl Railway, Maritime Porthcawl, The Great War and taking pride of place, RAF 100 which marks the centenary of the RAF.

Visiting the RAF 100 display last week was Air Commodore Adrian Williams, Air Officer Wales. He was accompanied by Flying Officer Martyn D Davies, Holding Officer RAF 100 Wales, MoD St Athan and the MP for Bridgend, Madeline Moon.

Air Commodore Williams said: "This

really is a most interesting museum, and I congratulate the volunteer team for all

their efforts to commemorate the RAF and its people over the last 100 years." DS

Road from M4 to Five Mile Lane is back on agenda

THE possibility of a link road from the M4 to Cardiff Airport is firmly back on the agenda – and two alternative routes are set to be revealed next week by the Vale Council.

Plans were shelved about 10 years ago, on the grounds of cost. However, two things have changed recently.

First, the section of road from the A48 to the outskirts of Barry close to the airport is to be upgraded – work is in the process of starting.

Second, the City Deal, which is being funded by the Welsh and UK governments, together with the local authorities in the areas, could have cash available to pay for the new road, which would link the M4 with the improved Five Mile Lane.

Two potential routes for a new road connecting the A48 with junction 34 of the M4 will be revealed on April 17 as part of a scheme that will also include a new rail station and park and ride facility.

The routes will be published as part of the draft findings of a recent study undertaken on behalf of the Vale Council by an independent technical consultant, Arcadis Consulting (UK) Limited.

A public consultation will then begin during which comments on the

report's findings and on each of the proposed routes will be sought from local residents and businesses, neighbouring local authorities, community councils, and other interested parties.

Members of the public will be able to view the plans and submit their comments online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and at two public consultation events:

- April 17, The Vale of Glamorgan Hotel, Treacastle Suite, Hensol Park, Hensol, CF72 8JY, 12pm to 7pm (drop in session).

- April 18, Cottrell Park Golf Club, the Marquee, St Nicholas, Wenvoe CF5 6SJ, 10am to 5pm (drop in session).

The consultation period will close on May 18.

The Arcadis Consulting report represents the second stage of the Welsh transport appraisal guidance (WelTAG) process which is used by local authorities for the development and appraisal of proposals that would be funded by Welsh Government.

This second stage is centred on the creation of an outline business case for the new road, the findings of which will be included in the report.

A stage one report was agreed by the Vale Council in November 2017.

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WICK YFC WINS WITH STYLE

WICK achieved great success at Glamorgan County Field Day at Penllyn Estate on April 7.

Leading the way with first place in the senior fencing competition and winners of the Ashdown Fencing Ltd Shield were Evan Thomas, and Alex and Tom Edwards.

The boys had to erect a stock proof boundary fence with an adjoining stile at one end. Yet again this year, they have excelled for Wick, not only winning this competition with their expertise and precision, but also entertaining the spectators while doing so.

Our junior team consisting of Luke Holmes, Tom Naylor, and Rory Vizard came a very close third in the junior fencing competition in what was a highly competitive field, again erecting a stock-proof fence but with a join in the netting. This was the first time the boys had worked together, and they showed enormous promise for the future.

Success also came for the junior girls' team of Alisha Major and Hollie Jones in the Royal Welsh Show cookery competition, achieving a tightly-fought fourth place from a field of 10 entries. They were required to prepare a centenary dinner for two people using a camping stove in one hour.

The girls chose to



Alisha Major and Hollie Jones even made the bunting for their #RAF100 meal.

make Typhoon duck breast with bulgur, plums and plum sauce with de Havilland lemon cheesecake, on the theme celebrating the RAF's 100th year. The meal was served exquisitely on an RAF-themed display unit, which the girls decorated prior to the event. Thanks to Charlotte Thomas, club leader for her unending support throughout practices.

Dell Davies produced a beautiful floral display

for the Royal Welsh flower arranging competition, again on the RAF centenary theme. There was an exceptional standard of entries and Dell created a charming and artistic pendulum wreath in the style of the RAF roundel using red, white and blue from flowers of the season.

Alisha and Hollie also competed in the *Fferm Factor* event, which was a mystery competition in agricultural-related tasks.

Hollie demonstrated the use of a claw hammer while under a timed restraint, using as

few hits as possible. Alisha had to identify various farm fodder from mystery sacks. This was followed by an agricultural quiz, which the girls had great fun completing.

Isobel Thomas, Victoria Powell, Tom Edwards and Hollie Jones made up Wick's team for YFC Live, with Hollie demonstrating the art of skipping.

Tom Edwards gave a hilarious commentary of Hollie's demonstration and once again thoroughly captivated those watching with his priceless off-the-cuff remarks.

The weather was very kind and even managed some sunshine. It was a pleasure to see the great camaraderie between the competing YFC clubs with excellent organisation again from the county officers yet again.

YFC offers a varied programme, the skills learned and friends made will stay with you for life.

For more information on joining Wick YFC, visit www.wickyfc.com or follow us on facebook, instagram or twitter.

Alisha Major
Wick YFC



Bags of stile from Evan Thomas and Alex and Tom Edwards.



En garde! A creditable third place for Luke Holmes, Tom Naylor, and Rory Vizard in the junior fencing competition.

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WI secretary provides a versatile report

AT the annual meeting of Colwinston and Llyswoerney WI, Liz Stone was voted unanimously as president for the coming year.

The resolution will go forward to June's National Federation meeting in Cardiff.

Judith Lucas, WI advisor, congratulated the committee and all the members on the strong community spirit shown by the WI.

Sue Gatis, treasurer, gave the financial report and secretary Julie Lloyd gave her report of the year in verse.

The group has had a very good year with several new members joining and everyone is looking forward to another year of and friendship and to welcoming more new members and visitors.

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War veteran and businessman celebrates his 100th birthday



Maurice on his big day with his card from the Queen with his daughter Jean, granddaughter Caroline and great granddaughter Sarah.

MAURICE JOHNSON, the managing director of Bridgend Glazing and Silvering Co Ltd from 1958 to 1983, celebrated his 100th birthday on Easter Saturday.

A veteran of World War Two, Maurice served four years with the Royal Engineers in the Middle East. A resident of Bridgend (1953-62), Ogmores-by-Sea (1962-2001) and Llangan (2001-10) he now lives with his daughter and son-in-law in Somerset.



Those in the building and glazing trades may remember him (on the right) in the picture taken at a glazing trade function with Roy Hunt and Ray Grindley sometime in the 1960s.

Busy times ahead for Laleston WI

LALESTON WI's April meeting was attended by 27 members, who were informed of various activities arranged by GFWI.

Eleven members would be attending the council meeting in Port Talbot on April 24, and members would be visiting Lacock and Bath on July 10.

Laleston WI are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, and are planning a celebratory tea on June 21, and as this day coincides with Ascot Ladies' Day, members were asked to decorate hats to wear.

The May meeting will

be the AGM and resolutions, and also a bring and buy sale.

Luncheon Club meets on April 17 at The Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Rev Clive Williams was introduced as the speaker for the evening and gave an informative and amusing talk on Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. He played various pieces of music from the composers and the vote of thanks was given by Elaine Jones.

Laleston WI meets on the first Thursday of each month at The Blandy Hall, Laleston, at 7.15pm. For more information, call Diane Marshall on 01656 656600.

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A BRAVE NEW ERA DAWNS AT BRYNMENYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

WITH state-of-the-art new surroundings, and wide open spaces to use, pupils have had their first half term at the new Brynmenyn Primary School.

The school is one of five new builds within Bridgend county borough during the last five years, created through Bridgend County Borough Council's school modernisation programme, which has been supported with millions of pounds worth of Welsh Government funding.

Outdated buildings with old-fashioned facilities have made way for fresh schools fit for the 21st century that are fully equipped with modern technology and everything that pupils need to fulfil their potential.

For the Brynmenyn pupils, they've moved less than a mile away from their old school on Bryn Road to their new one next to Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, but the differences couldn't be more stark, as Cllr Charles Smith, the council's cabinet member for education and regeneration describes: "Pulling up at the new multi-million



pound school, what strikes you first is the sheer scale of it and how it is surrounded by open spaces.

"The old school was built in 1913, and although it suited the needs of the local community in those days, it was impossible to expand it or improve the range of its facilities due to it being surrounded by common land.

"The new school is incredibly spacious. The building itself is double the size of the old one.

"There are wide open spaces suitable for a variety of learning activities, and the classrooms are much bigger and more welcoming. Everything is geared up for success."

Headteacher Clare Dale, said: "It was obviously sad to leave the old school as it held so many memories for not only current pupils and staff, but for past pupils in the local community too.

"However, everyone has settled in really quickly and our first half term here has flown by."

The new Brynmenyn Primary School was built by the contractors BAM Construction Limited, and was designed by Boyes Rees Architects. Here are some facts about the new school:

It took 292 days to construct with 7,000 bricks, and 2,496 tonnes of concrete.

The new school features 14,000 square metres of seeded and

planted areas (the old school had none).

During the construction, 194 weeks of employment was provided to either apprentices or unemployed people. Eighty-four per cent of the contractors who worked on the job were local businesses with either a CF, SA or NP postcode.

The school has 400 metres of fencing.

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AWARD GIVEN TO GARW VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

A GARW Valley youth club has won a Coalfields Regeneration Trust award, giving them the opportunity to increase the number of evenings the club is open to young people in the area.

Bettws Boys and Girls Club, which reopened in August last year after providing opportunities and activities for generations of local young people, is offering activities on a Wednesday evening for both boys and girls.

A spokesperson said: "With very limited youth provision locally, the club recognised the need to increase the number of evenings the club is open. A consultation with young people and local partners showed strong support so grant funding was sought and secured.

"The trust's award will allow the club, which is largely dependent on volunteers, to recruit three new members of staff to open the club on two extra evenings."

They will offer tailored sessions for age groups aged from seven to 11 and for those above the age of 11.

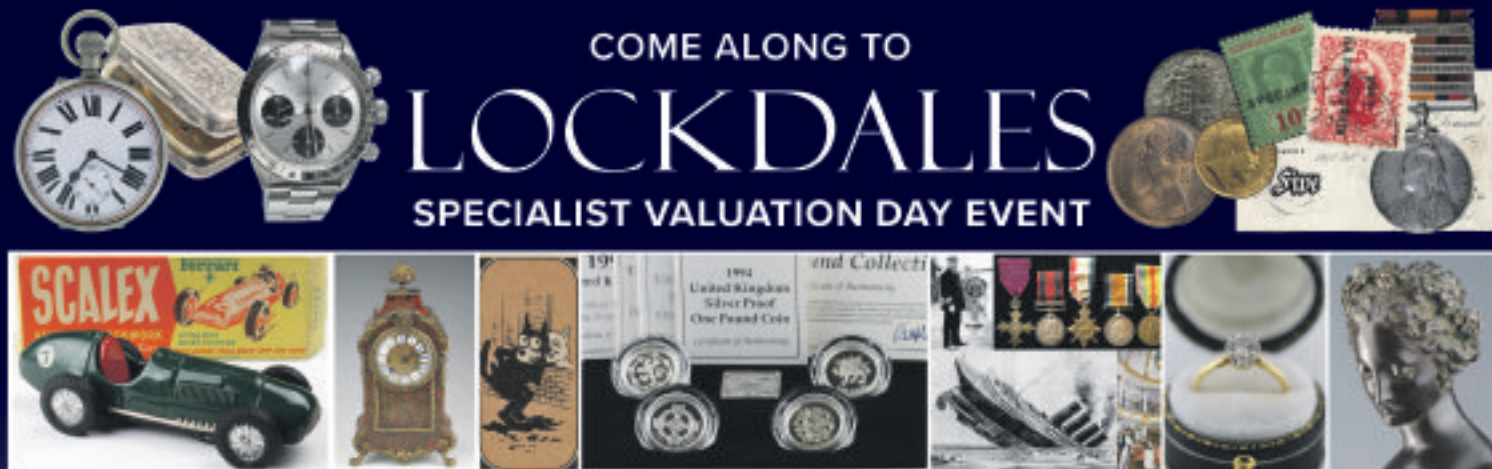
With a new committee in place, trustees are looking to restore the club back to the days when their doors were open every evening for young people across the Garw.

Bettws Boys and Girls Club manager, Jonathan Price, said: "We are absolutely delighted that the Coalfields Regeneration Trust has awarded us this grant, which will help us go from strength to strength.

"There is undeniably incredible potential for this club to move forward in providing fun activities to help local young people learn and develop.

"Without the Coalfields award, we would simply not be able to develop the Boys and Girls Club and with very little alternative youth facilities in the wider community, young people would not have the opportunity to engage in our activities and would more than likely be stuck at home or roaming the streets."

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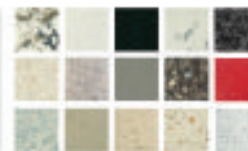
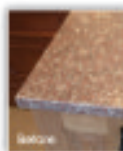
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Tracey the ambassador is looking forward to a busy fundraising year

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mother Tracey Davies is taking her position as an 'Ambassador for Velindre' very seriously and she is making her friends and family work for the cause too.

She had her first year as an ambassador last year, and raised £4,500, but this year she plans on going a whole lot better.

She has persuaded 17 friends and family to tackle a skydive at Swansea Skydive Centre – there are so many that they will be doing their dives over two weeks.

The first group will be taking to the air this Saturday (April 14) and the remainder will do their skydives on April 21.

Tracey told The GEM: "I will be skydiving both Saturdays – it will take my personal total to 15.



Jumpers for goalposts? No, Velindre.

"I am committed even more to raising funds after being asked to be an ambassador. It is a privilege.

"Together with my daughter-in-law Emily Davies, I will be raising awareness and funds to go to Cambodia in October, along with another eight people to

raise even more funds for the centre."

Tracey continued: "Over the last two years, I have completed a trek to Patagonia, cycled 400km in New Zealand over the Coromandel Hills and cycled in Peru all to raise funds for the charity."

The skydives over the next two weekends are just the start of a packed year of fundraising.

On April 29, she tackles the Newport Marathon and a week later, on May 5, she will be recuperating by climbing Pen y Fan with another 150 people – an event organised by Tracey and Emily.

The following week, May 12, another 150 people have been 'persuaded' by Tracey and Emily to do the same walk up Pen y Fan walk.

There's just one event in June, but that is the Cardiff Triathlon, on the 24th.

July 7 will be a big day, as Tracey and friends tackle the Welsh 3000 in Snowdon National Park. (The Welsh 3m000s are the 15 mountains in Wales that have a height of 3,000 feet or more).

On August 4, there is another Pen y Fan walk with another 150 people, organised again by

Tracey and Emily.

September looks like being a quiet month – a question of gathering strength for October, when they tackle the Cardiff Half Marathon, and then go trekking in Cambodia (October 29 to November 5).

Velindre is a great cause and Tracey and Emily welcome donations to their just giving page on www.justgiving.com/fundraising/traceyemilydavis18.

A Velindre challenge is also pencilled in for 2019. In November, it's Everest Base Camp.

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Tracey and Emily are going to be busy this year.

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This is how bowel issues arise

But what exactly lies at the base of these typical bowel issues (also known as Irritated Bowel Syndrome)? Many experts are increasingly convinced that Irritated Bowel Syndrome may be caused by small injuries to the intestinal barrier. These might allow pollutants and pathogens to enter the intestinal wall, causing the typical symptoms of an irritated bowel such as diarrhoea, bloating, flatulence, and abdominal

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WELSH LIVERY COMPANY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

TO MARK the 25th anniversary of the Welsh Livery Company, a £100,000 Silver Jubilee Fundraising Appeal has been launched to increase the number of awards the Company can

give to the young people of Wales.

The appeal was launched at a lunchtime event at Atlantic College on Sunday (March 18) where the Master of the Company, Professor Gillian Davies DL, invited Founder Master, Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards to

describe the history of the work of the company, the building up of the Charitable Trust and the company's work to date.

During the event, Professor Gillian Davies also presented two £400 awards to Atlantic College students, Joshua McCarthy and Eve Sharples, to help support the community projects they are undertaking as part of their International Baccalaureate course.

Joshua McCarthy, (17), from Bargoed won his award for an initiative to create a garden to support the children with autism at St Illtyd's Primary School in Llantwit Major.

Joshua said: "We have cleared an area to create a 'safe and calm' space and are awaiting equipment to finish off the project."

Speaking about the Silver Jubilee fundraising appeal, the Master of the Company, Professor Gillian Davies, said: "We are delighted to be able to mark a significant anniversary with the Silver Jubilee Appeal."

"Our aim is to assist in the development of skills and associated professional activities of our young people in Wales, so I am very pleased to launch the appeal and give back to the community."

In addition to the

launch of the appeal and the awards presentation, Mr Hugh Thomas explained his plans for raising new funds from Liverymen, companies, trusts and institutions in Wales to enable the Livery Company to expand the number of scholarships they are able to give annually.

The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales gives out approximately £40,000 a year in awards to Welsh apprentices, undergraduates and graduates in the form of travel scholarships and prizes to help them develop their education and to support them in personal projects.

With Music in Mind closes conference

BARRY and Cowbridge 'With Music In Mind' groups were delighted to be invited to close the 2018 annual meeting of the 'Involving People Network' on March 21 at Cardiff City Stadium.

Around 40 members took part in the afternoon session and they listened to talks about involving the public in various research projects.

They heard Dr Sarah Miles discuss 'From Research to Practice' on her research in gerontology and the research of Kate Whitestone in physiotherapy led to the formation of the successful singing and social

groups.

Hazel Coates, a member of the Cowbridge group, went on to talk about the benefits of attending With Music In Mind.

Following Hazel's talk, the group of 40 sang three songs and the audience joined in with the Welsh National anthem. Group member Pat Payne played the piano for the singers.

The conference finale was met with rapturous applause, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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PACT meetings in the Vale

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

Buttrills PACT will be held at Barry Town Council Offices on Thursday, April 12 at 6.30pm.

Penarth police officers will be holding a surgery at Penarth Library on Thursday, April 12 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

You can also meet your local officers at Penarth Police Station on

Thursday, April 19 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Officers in Llantwit Major will be holding a police surgery at Llantwit Major library on Thursday, April 12 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

There will be a 'coffee and chat' held by PCSO Angela Stone at the Star Inn, Treos on Tuesday, April 17 at 11am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

New Welsh homework club is launched

CLWB Ni (Our Club) is a new homework club for families of children in Welsh schools in partnership with Urdd, Menter Bro Morgannwg and Mudiad Meithrin.

Learn Welsh the Vale (part of Vale of Glamorgan Adult Community Learning) received a grant from the National Centre for Learning Welsh to develop and pilot the new club.

Children and parents/carers will have the opportunity to learn together, to receive support with literacy, numeracy and digital skills, advice and help with homework tasks, Welsh language skills and an opportunity to use Welsh outside the school environment.

There will be a weekly timetable of

games, sports and activities providing lots of fun!

Learn Welsh the Vale will co-ordinate the project, with support from Menter Bro Morgannwg with staffing and promotion, Mudiad Meithrin with creche provision, Vale of Glamorgan Adult Community Learning with basic skills tutors and Urdd with activities for young people and children through the medium of Welsh.

CLWB Ni will run on Tuesdays after school between 4-6pm at Palmerston Centre, Barry from April 17 to July 10 (except half term).

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'Road to recycling plant unsafe' claims resident



Resembling water-filled craters on the Moon, Mr Drury took this image of the road a few days ago.

A VALE resident has said that a road surface leading to the recycling centre at Llandow, which is full of potholes, is unsafe and in need of urgent attention.

The Vale Council told The GEM the road is

the responsibility of the landowner and that it has made repeated efforts to resolve the problem.

Alan Drury told The GEM that when he put images of the road on a social media site, he had 'dozens of responses' from people who shared his view that the state of the road was

"unacceptable".

He explained: "Bearing in mind that this is a road leading to a public service site and is constantly in use, surely this cannot be deemed as acceptable or safe?"

"The whole length of the road is covered in major potholes which are partly disguised (in

the image) due to being full of rainwater.

"The road requires urgent attention to prevent serious damage to vehicles or even members of the public."

"The land is privately owned and the council pay a lease fee and maintenance fee for the area. It is clearly not being maintained and as it is dangerous access to a public facility they need to enforce action on the landowners to force the repair legally."

Mr Drury added: "The council state that they cannot spend the public purse on a road that does not belong to them, but yet they are happy to spend it on a maintenance fee for an area – and access to it – that is not being maintained. Something needs to be done as this cannot continue."

A Vale Council spokesperson said it would be speaking again to the landowner to get the work done.

"The council agrees that the road in question is in a substandard condition and we have been trying to resolve this issue for a number of years."

"But the land through which it runs is privately owned and it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain it."

"We are one of several tenants on the industrial estate accessed by the road and pay the landowner rent towards the estate's upkeep."

"Given the situation, spending money on improving the road would be an unfair use of public funds."

"However, we will continue to make representations to the landowner in an effort to get the necessary work done."



The Mayor, Cllr Siân Vaughan, with her Consort, Rob Vaughan, and Madeline and Colin Phillips.

MEMORY JAR CAFÉ'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY

NO jelly, no rabbit-shaped blancmange with sultanas for eyes, not even tinned peaches with evaporated milk, but still a party to remember.

Balloons and games, and lots of fun and laughter – all topped off with sumptuous chocolate cake! A suitable celebration for such a milestone in what has rapidly become an important part of Cowbridge life.

The Memory Jar Café started 12 months ago, opening its doors in April 2017. It met once a month initially, starting in a small room in Noah's Place of the United Free Church but it soon outgrew the space available, moving to the large Maendy Room at the Free Church and meeting twice a month.

The café has continued to grow, with new faces appearing regularly. All the evidence is that it is meeting its aims of providing a space where people living with dementia can meet other people to talk, reminisce and relax, and, if

requested, be put in touch with professional support.

So, on April 3, the café celebrated its first birthday. As with the normal fortnightly sessions, this was no sombre or sedate affair. Madeline Phillips, founder of the Memory Jar, often comments that, whatever the demands of running such a lively enterprise, "above all we have fun".

On this day, pinning the tail on the donkey, balloon swatting, magnetic fishing, table skittles, bagatelle, throwing mice into a giant cheese all helped the party atmosphere.

Then, memories of Saturday morning cinema were stirred by the antics of Laurel and Hardy, before the afternoon finished with the obligatory singalong, which is loved by all – and in the middle of it all, that gorgeous chocolate cake!

The café customers were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Cllr Siân Vaughan, with her consort, Rob. They were

accompanied by the Mayor-elect, Cllr Terry Williams, and his wife, Jane.

Their visit was further proof of the strong support evident in Cowbridge for what is happening at the Memory Jar.

Thanks were also expressed for the help the café receives from local businesses that supply cakes, from Rotary, the Town Council, local churches and Dementia Friendly Cowbridge.

All this is underpinned by a loyal and dedicated band of helpers, and this support helps to ensure that those who come to the Memory Jar can continue to 'have fun' for years to come!

The Memory Jar Café runs all the year round on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, the next meeting is on Tuesday, April 17, 2pm–4pm.

If you would like to know more about the Memory Jar, or someone who might benefit from attending, or would like to support its work, please contact Madeline on 01446 621838.

Spring musical evening

A MUSICAL evening takes place at Llansannor Community Hall on Friday, April 27 featuring Cor Meibion y Machlud and soloists, including harpist Megan Morris.

The concert begins at 7.30pm and tickets are £10, to include light refreshments.

Licensed bar and raffle on the evening. Tickets from Scilla Williams on 772590 or Chris Howard on 775640.

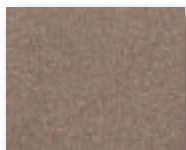


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Film night returns to All Saints

THE April screening from All Saints Community Cinema in Penarth will be *Victoria & Abdul* on Thursday, April 19, at All Saints Lesser Hall. Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.

The film stars Dame Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Eddie Izzard, Tim Piggott-Smith, Michael Gambon and Simon Callow, plus a host of others.

Abdul Karim arrives from India for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself.

As Victoria questions

the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy.

As their friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.

Tickets £7.50 to include glass wine/soft drink on arrival, film, themed snacks at interval. A licensed bar is available.

To reserve tickets, email: allsaints.cinema@btinternet.com or call Jane on 029 2070 8088 oor 07966882459.

What's on and where

Penarth Local History Society RON POWELL will be giving a talk on 'Return to Ascension Island' on Thursday, April 12 at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Penarth. Everyone is welcome to attend; admission is £2 for non-members.

Councillor's surgery CADOXTON councillor Rachel Nugent-Finn is holding a surgery for local residents on Saturday, April 14, from 10.30am until 12.30pm at Waitrose, Barry, in the coffee shop.

Dinas Powys Cinema ON Saturday, April 14, Dinas Powys Community Cinema is screening *Murder on the Orient Express* (12A, 1hr 54 min).

This adaptation of the Agatha Christie classic is directed by Kenneth Branagh, who also stars as Hercule Poirot. The cast also includes Johnny Depp, Judi Dench and Penelope Cruz.

The volunteer-run cinema can be found at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ. There is a licensed bar, as well as ice cream and tea and coffee for sale.

Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start, all tickets are £4.50, available on the door, in advance from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or online: www.ticketline.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

Diabetes group meeting THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group will be on Tuesday, April 17 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm-9pm.

The speaker is Sharon Owen from the Welsh Hearts charity and she will be speaking about the charity and CPR and defibrillator training.

Valeways walks ON April 18 at

10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Bridge Cafe car park, Cold Knap, Barry.

At 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain, Cowbridge.

Neighbourhood Watch

THE next meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch incorporating Pentre Meyrick, Craig Penllyn and Penllyn will be held at The Red Fox Inn, Penllyn, on Wednesday, April 18 at 11am; all residents are welcome.

Local support officer PCSO Sian Roberts will be attending.

Flatholm Society talk

THE Flatholm Society is hosting a talk on St Donats Castle and Atlantic College by Steve and Sue Pells. At the Kymrin Beach Road, Penarth, CF64 1JX on April 19 at 7pm. The Society asks for a donation of £2-3 to cover costs. There will be a raffle and refreshments.

For more information, contact Peter Sampson at pb.sampson@ntlworld.com

Art exhibition

AN ART exhibition by Vale art students entitled 'Visual Perspectives', is currently being held in the 'pop up' shop area of The Old Hall, Cowbridge and runs until April 22. **Pensioners' Club** LOOKING for something to do on a Monday afternoon and have fun and make friends?

Why not come along to Pioneer Hall Pensioners' Club in Beryl Road, Barry from 1.30pm to 4pm? Fun events include bingo with cash prizes; weekly subs, first week free.

Contact P Canty on 01446 408105 for further information, or just come along.

CHARITY CONCERT TO BE 'ANNUAL EVENT'

A VALE for Africa concert takes place at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Lower Trinity Street, Barry, on April 19, at 7.45pm.

Barry Male Voice Choir and soloists are lined up to perform.

Organiser Godfrey Knight said: "The great thing about doing this with Vale for Africa is that I've got extra help."

"I hope that this event will beat the £300 I raised with my last event for the charity. I also intend to make it an annual event."

"The charity is not government funded and doctors and optometrists who go to Africa pay their own expenses."

Contact Godfrey for tickets on 01446 749727 or pay on the door on the night.

Get on board the Real Ale Trail

A NEW event called the Real Ale Trail, which transports hundreds of ale lovers straight to the doors of 10 rural pubs arrives in Cardiff and the Vale on Saturday, April 21 for its first event in the area.

If you fancy a beer with friends, sampling ales from rural pubs presents ale fans with a major problem: who's going to do the driving? Not to worry the award-winning Real Ale Trail takes you by bus from the city into the Vale's quirkiest pubs for you to sample over 50 of the local ales, without the worry of driving.

The 'RAT' shuttle buses arrives every 30-45 minutes and circulates the route all day.

Festival goers take a trip through the lanes of glorious countryside and off the beaten track to reach some of the best pubs in the Vale selected for their hospitality, rural location and selection of ales. All that is expected of you is to organise your friends, get yourself a ticket from the participating pubs and sit back and enjoy the day.

The 10 participating pubs will be offering a massive range of Real Ale from local breweries and further afield. The Hopbunker will be rotating 40 ales throughout the day with names such as Hopcraft Brewing, Pixie Spring Water, Warn and Grey Trees and 5 exclusive Real Ales to the event. If ale isn't your thing there's traditional ciders will be available in the Hare and Hounds

and even a mojito bar at 1 Town Hall Square. If you're staying for the whole day and why wouldn't you finding good food won't be a problem either as many of the pubs specialise in a high standard of food.

People are coming from as far as Canada, Hampshire and Birmingham to experience proper Welsh pubs and ales from the local microbrewery, which is usually only regularly available in local pubs.

Tickets cost £15, and gets you unlimited travel all day long, so enjoy a day of quaffing local ales, sampling the food and entertainment. Tickets are available online at www.realaletrail.co.uk, and at all participating pubs.

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'Silence is golden' – A QUIET PLACE IS 'THE BEST FILM OF THE YEAR SO FAR' says GEM reviewer

YOU may know John Krasinski as one of the stars of the American version of *The Office*; you may know him from starring opposite George Clooney in *Leatherheads*; or you may know him

from being married to Emily Blunt.

However, it's likely you're going to get to know him far better after the release of his second film as a director, *A Quiet Place*.

Pulling double duty (and obviously some favours) Krasinski and Blunt play Lee and Evelyn Abbot, who along with their

children, live in complete silence for fear of being hunted and killed by creatures who hunt by sound. Battling to survive every day, the pair struggle to keep their family unit together in the face of difficult odds...

There are very few films that can grab hold of you from the opening frames and then never let up their grasp throughout the entire film.

A Quiet Place is one of those films, a film that is certainly more than capable of delivering chills and scares, but one that is also a paean to the importance of family and sticking together through adversity – put simply, it's perhaps the best film that you will have this far in 2018.

The set-up is overwhelmingly simple – the struggle to survive in a world where creatures of an unknown origin can hunt by sound only, thus creating the need to be as quiet as possible as you go about your day-to-day affairs.

However, it's this disarmingly simple premise that John Krasinski, Bryan Woods and Scott Beck turn into a gloriously tense and thrilling story of survival, yet one that

never loses sight of the humanity of the characters.

There are rich pickings from the characters, not your usual stand-and-stuff horror movie disposables. At least half of the family are suffering from a form of survivor's guilt over an incident that occurs in the opening sequence, Evelyn is pregnant and ready to pop at any time, their son Marcus (Noah Jupe) is in (understandable) fear of his and his family's life and their daughter Regan (Millicent Simmonds) is deaf, with Lee trying to find a way to help her hear.

The performances across the board are exceptional, hanging wholly on the family themselves and their dynamic. To sketch such wonderfully detailed relationships with such little dialogue is an exceptional thing indeed, and somehow all of the characters feel explored and well-drawn.

The heft is carried across all of the characters, Krasinski's Lee trying his best to keep his family safe, Blunt's Evelyn feeling the concern of bringing a new life into a world that seems to be on the verge of breaking down



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at any moment, while the performances of both Jupe and Simmonds are excellent, caught between trying to be

children and being mature enough to be capable of surviving in this scary world.

Krasinski's direction nails the tone of the film incredibly well – the inherent creepiness of the creatures themselves puts you on edge, but he ramps up the tension with a sure hand, and the jumps and scares are incredibly well constructed.

With most horrors, you get the sense of where the scare is going to come, but Krasinski's direction and the sublime sound editing (including a clever use of perspective that means the audio is muffled when we see Regan on screen) means you're always on your toes throughout.

But what's most

impressive is that below the obvious vicarious thrill of the film, what you have got is a film all about parenting, about keeping the family unit intact no matter what.

There are scenes that will leave you shocked as survival overrules care, where you have to choose between family members to give you the best hope of survival. It's these elements that are the real horror, the hard decisions and lessons being learned all too real on a human level.

It's also what puts *A Quiet Place* a cut above being a genre film – it's too cleverly orchestrated, too smart and intelligently composed to be just that; instead it's a marvel, a film that carries huge

emotional as well as jump scares – and at this juncture, it's the best film of the year so far.

VERDICT: A tension-fuelled, heart-stopping film that does so much with its simple set-up, *A Quiet Place* is a powerful, chilling piece of work.

It carries incredible emotional weight amidst the jumps and scares, orchestrated superbly by John Krasinski and performed exceptionally by the cast.

The perfect meeting point of genuinely jumpy horror and intimate family portrayal, this is a genuinely exceptional film. *Essential viewing.*

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The Commander of the Wall comes to Porthcawl



Ser Aliser cuts the ribbon. (Left to right): Ben Wall, Owen Teale, Jon Wall and Nici Wall. (Photo by Tony John).



Shop manager Ben Wall with Owen Teale. (Photo by Tony John).

ONE of the area's most famous faces – Owen Teale – came to Porthcawl to open a new business recently.

The actor, now best known for his roles in *Game of Thrones* and *Stella*, came along to Station Hill, Porthcawl, to officially open Wall 2 Wall Wines.

Quite appropriate really, as his *GoT* character, Ser Alliser

Thorne, is the 'Commander of the Wall'.

The shop, supplying craft beers, wines and distinctive gins, has been opened by Porthcawl businessman Jon Wall.

It means that Mr Wall has a busy year ahead, as he has just started his year in office as the High Sheriff of Mid-Glamorgan. His wife Nici will be his Consort.

TEENAGER SUSTAINS SERIOUS INJURIES FOLLOWING M4 COLLISION

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for witnesses to a serious road traffic collision, which occurred at 2.55pm on Sunday, April 8 on the Westbound carriageway of the M4 midway between junctions 34 Miskin and 35 Pencoed.

A force spokesperson said: "A white Toyota IQ2 motorcar left the carriageway to the roadside, collided with trees and overturned. A 15-year-old rear-seat female passenger has suffered serious head and internal injuries and is currently detained at the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff."

The spokesperson

added that an 18-year old male driver and 16-year-old female front-seat passenger sustained less serious injuries.

"Persons who have not yet passed their details to the Police who witnessed the collision or can provide information concerning the manner of driving of the Toyota motorcar prior to the collision are asked to contact 101 quoting 1800121555."

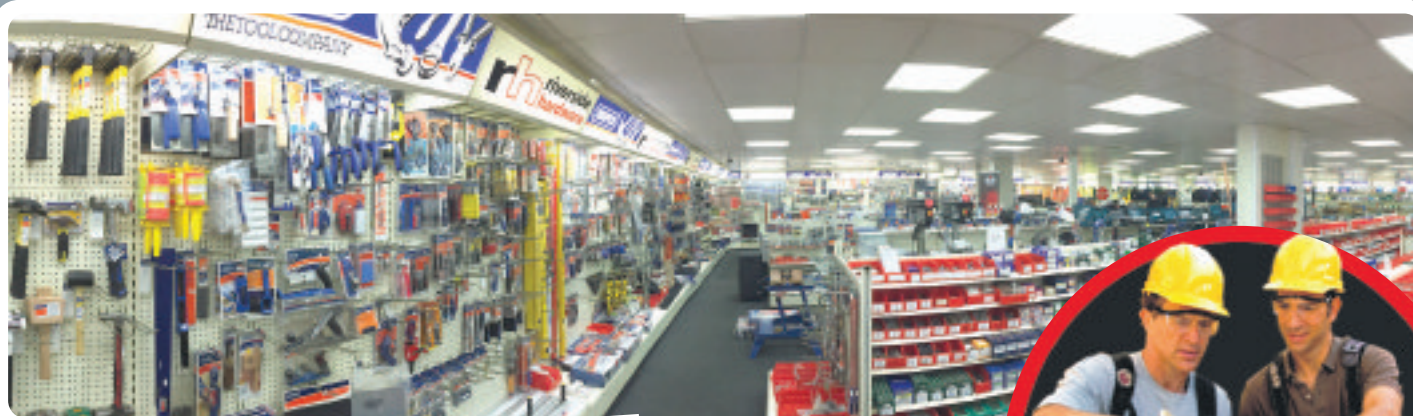
"We would like to thank motorists and the surrounding community for their patience due to the M4 being closed for 3 hours, whilst investigation work was carried out."

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GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'Sympathy for Jo's tough journey'

I READ with interest and sympathy the comments from Jo Cody in last week's GEM on Llantwit's pavements.

I wrote to The GEM on March 22, 2011 and April 2, 2011, when the Boverton road paving was being laid stating my concerns over the finish and durability of the work.

A reply came from town councillor Gwyn John who reassured readers that remedial work would be done.

I again wrote six months later on October 24, 2011, to praise the paving work on the Co-op to Toy store section that was then under way, comparing it to the state of Boverton Road.

The GEM ended last week with the comment the pavement was private land but from Cllr John's reply the town council must have had some input into approval of the Boverton road section at the time

of construction. The remedial work was never extensive or satisfactory. Graham Snowden, Llantwit Major IN response, Cllr Gwyn John explained that the relevant area is private land and not a responsibility of the Vale Council or town council:

"At that time in 2011, the work was approved by the project officer in charge of the Boverton Road scheme. The owners of the land accepted the final finish of the work when the land was handed back to them.

"It then became their responsibility for future maintenance and we are now seven years down the line and maintenance is needed.

"I would remind people that the car parking areas in front of the shops are also privately owned. Once again I would re-iterate that the area is not the responsibility of the Vale Council or the town council."

Make your views known on Llanrcarfan School proposals

AS Cllr Penrose makes clear in his response to the opposition in Llanrcarfan to the proposed school 'migration', there is a consultation process which ends on April 20.

It is through the consultation process that views should be expressed in the first instance and this can be done either online or by physically completing

the form which can be found on the Vale's website. Responses should concentrate on the educational aspect of the proposal.

I understand that there are mixed views in Rhose as well and therefore responses should not be limited to the residents of Llanrcarfan and the surrounding villages.

If you feel strongly on this issue do not fail to respond.

Gordon Kemp, Councillor Rhose Ward

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Table top sale

THERE will be a table top sale in Peterston-Super-Ely Church and Community Hall on Saturday, April 14 from 10am-12 noon, entry is free and everyone is welcome.

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This is in addition to the usual village market which is held on the second Saturday of every month from 10am-12noon, selling homemade cakes, preserves, produce, plants and a very extensive collection of books. Coffee and tea will be served.

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Local politicians say where they stand on school closure dispute

PARENTS and residents of Llanrcarfan have approached local AMs and their MP in a bid to enlist support for their campaign to stop the closure of Llanrcarfan Primary School.

The campaigning group is determined to reject the Vale Council's description, which refers to a 'migration' to a brand new, bigger school in Rhose.

The Vale Council is conducting a consultation on the proposal.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said that he had been approached by concerned parents of pupils at the school.

He said: "I have no doubt that parents and local residents will campaign strongly against the proposed closure of the school's site, which provides a great education for children in the rural Vale."

"I want to make sure that the village's and parents' views are heard in this consultation."

Vale AM Jane Hutt had this to say: "I was very pleased to meet with and support Llanrcarfan residents involved in the campaign to save the school. I was able to point to the Welsh Government's 'National Strategy for Small and Rural Schools' issued by the Cabinet Secretary Kirsty Williams AM, in November 2016.

"I have also received concerns from parents in other schools affected and will be raising my concerns about the Vale Council proposals directly with the Cabinet Secretary drawing particular attention to the risks associated with these proposals, as well as the strength of feeling against the closure of Llanrcarfan School in the heart of the village and the rural Vale."

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies said that he had already met members of the action group.

He said he shared their concerns, having attended a nearby village school, and later served on its governing body.

He urged all residents to respond to the consultation - which closes on April 20 - and committed to work with all concerned to make sure the education of local children is put first and the school's future is not blighted by uncertainty.

Mr Davies said: "The closure of such a community asset could potentially blight the village's future as well as creating considerable uncertainty for the pupils' long term education prospects - something which cannot be allowed to happen."

"I look forward to working with the school, the action group and the Vale Council to provide answers and solutions to retaining the school in Llanrcarfan over the coming weeks and months."

A public meeting has been called for 10.30am on Saturday April 14, in the village hall in Llanrcarfan.

A spokesman for the Llanrcarfan residents told The GEM that their campaign would continue, and that they had several lines to pursue.

He said: "One aspect is just what would happen to the existing school. It is isn't a listed building but is a historic Victorian building that is described as a 'Treasure'."

"However, in planning terms, that is not sufficient protection to stop it being bulldozed to make way for a housing development."

Family's charity walk tribute in memory of Julie

Julie Langford at the top of Pen-y-Fan - today a charity walk takes place at Pen-y-Fan in her memory.

A CHARITY walk is taking place today, Thursday, April 12, in memory of a Barry mother of three, Julie Langford, who died of cancer last year.

Despite her diagnosis and undergoing treatment, Julie managed to climb Pen-y-Fan.

Her friend Ruth Burton, Julie's son Ashton (9), a pupil at Romilly Primary School, and family members will retrace Julie's footsteps up Pen-y-Fan.

Ashton is now Ruth's step-son. Julie's birthday would have been on



April 1 and Ruth explained: "I made a promise to Ashton and Julie that I would always be there for him and keep Julie's memory alive."

"That's how I got the

idea of Ashton and me walking up Pen-y-Fan. "It was one of her last achievements and it is around the time of her birthday. It is the perfect opportunity to help others in Julie's memory."

Ashton's father Lee is also paying tribute to Julie by helping with the Marie Curie garden in Penarth for a year.

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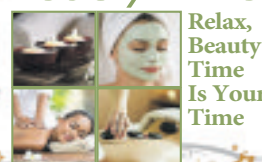
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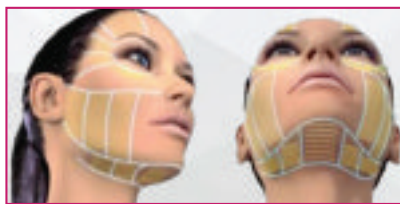
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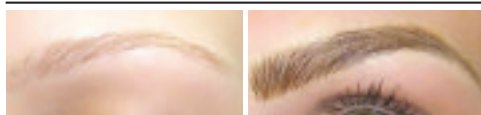
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Local family's anguish over headstone

A LOCAL family say they were devastated when they found their father's headstone had been put on the wrong grave.

Michael Root's ashes were buried in the picturesque setting of the Church of St Curig at Porthkerry following a cremation.

Mr Root (61) had died at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, following a two-year battle with cancer.

Late last year, the family sat down to agree on the wording for a headstone. They then approached local company CJ Ball & Son to supply the memorial.

On March 13, June Root, Mr Root's widow, who lives close to the cemetery in nearby Rhose, received a call from the company.

Mr and Mrs Root's daughter Katie said: "They told her the headstone had been completed. My mother phoned me and my sister Gemma and we decided to go down as a family to the cemetery."

"When we arrived at the plot there was no headstone on it. We were standing there in disbelief."

The family wondered whether there had been some miscommunication. It occurred to them that 'completed' perhaps meant the headstone had been finished but not put in place.

Katie said: "I had my mobile phone on me and gave them a ring and said: 'We can't see the headstone'."

"The woman in the office said she had a photo of it and that it was next to a headstone with two hearts

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and she could see a green tarpaulin at the back of the picture. She was adamant it was in the right location."

The family looked round the cemetery and found Mr Root's headstone on someone else's grave.

Katie said: "We were in shock. I was crying my eyes out. My mum didn't know whether to laugh or cry!"

"When the woman from the company realised it was their mistake she was very apologetic and accepted it was a huge error. We were not able to speak to the director because he was 'on site'. The woman later phoned us back to say it would get sorted out."

Later that day, Mrs Root was told the headstone had been put in position.

She was going from Rhose to Barry to sing with the Tenovus choir and decided to pop into the cemetery on the way.

When she arrived, she could see a digger, two workmen and a foreman. The men were working with shovels on Mr Root's plot. The headstone was still not in its place.

Mrs Root decided to leave the workmen to complete the job and went to the rehearsal.

The mistake seems to have taken place because of a mix-up over serial numbers. Each plot has a serial number with the prefix of 'A' for ones with ashes.

Mr Root's headstone had been wrongly located at a plot with the same number, but without an A.

Katie sent an email expressing the family's anger that Mrs Root had arrived at the cemetery only to discover – once more – that the job hadn't been finished.

Simon Morgan of CJ Ball sent an email thanking the family for their understanding and explaining that the problems had been caused by "human error".

The company sent out flowers to Mrs Root, although the note called her Jane rather than June. It also sent a letter of apology, explaining that lessons had been learned, and offered three years free maintenance, although the family declined because they don't think it is necessary.

Katie said: "A lot of the hurt could have been avoided if we had had a phone call of apology from the boss on the day of the mix-up not an email 48 hours later. A phone call is much more personal than an email. If we had been called the matter could have been resolved there and then."

Mrs Root told THE GEM that "a personal call would have made real difference".

Katie said if the family had lived a long way from the cemetery, it may have been some time until the error had been discovered.

Katie and Mrs Root added that they had chosen a local company because they thought they would

know the layout of local cemeteries and how they operated.

CJ Ball emphasised it regretted the incident, understood the family's distress and had taken urgent steps to remedy the situation.

A spokesperson explained: "CJ Ball has for almost a century served the community of the Vale and beyond and has an excellent reputation for very high-quality memorials and customer service."

"It is clear that this regrettable incident meant that we fell short of those exceptionally high standards and we fully empathise with the family and understand the upset that this must have caused."

"We acknowledged very quickly that an error had been made and we immediately took urgent action to rectify the situation as soon as it became apparent."

"Our manager, Mrs Day, rang and spoke a number of times to the family to apologise and to keep them fully updated on the situation."

"A thorough investigation was undertaken to determine how this issue arose. It was clearly a case of human error and the staff members involved were disciplined accordingly and steps have been taken to ensure that a similar situation doesn't happen again in the future."

"Immediately following this investigation, the managing director wrote to the family to again personally apologise, to pass on the sincere apologies from the staff members involved and to fully explain the circumstances of this regrettable human-error and to reassure them of the action taken."

Two choirs are in total harmony

ON Saturday, March 24, Tabernacle Mixed Choir Bridgend, and Llantrisant Male Voice Choir shared the stage to perform in a very enjoyable and successful concert at Bethel Baptist Church in Pontyclun.

The interesting thing about this concert was that both choirs share the same enthusiastic musical director, Mathew Nash, who worked so hard to bring out the best in both choirs.

During the first half of the concert, Llantrisant's varied programme included songs from the traditional male voice repertoire such as 'Llef', popular melodies such as 'Bring Him Home', 'Bridge over Troubled Water', and interesting modern songs 'Stay', arranged by Mathew Nash.

The choir's accompanist, Jane Coles, contributed admirably to the performance with her sensitive awareness of different musical styles.

Bridgend Tabernacle choir continued the concert. They began with 'Ave Verum' from Karl Jenkins' 'Stabat Mater' – a quiet thoughtful piece, followed by the much lighter Beatles' number, 'When I'm Sixty-Four'.

The spiritual, 'Steal Away To Jesus' and the Welsh folk song 'Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn' were very well received by the audience.

To complete the first half, Tabernacle performed 'All in The

April Evening' by HS Robinson and 'O Fab y Dyn' by Eric Jones – a great favourite with the choir.

After the interval, Tabernacle choir began their contribution with 'Yr Utgorn', admirably accompanied by Glenn Crooks, their highly talented accompanist.

A series of well known and popular religious songs followed, such as Rutter's 'The Lord is my Shepherd', 'Panis Angelicus' by Cesar Franke, and 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' written by Matthew, interspersed by a Rodgers and Hammerstein number, 'Some Enchanted Evening', and finishing with 'Tangnefeddwy' by Eric Jones, another great favourite with the choir and the audience.

Llantrisant continued by performing a variety of traditional and modern songs, three of which were arranged by Mathew, including 'Can't take my Eyes off of You', 'All of Me', and 'Skyfall'. Their singing of 'Myfanwy' and 'American Trilogy' were also well appreciated.

The finale was a joint performance of the Welsh hymn 'Tydi a Rhoddaist', which was a wonderful ending to a memorable concert. Both choirs and the audience left the auditorium feeling uplifted by a lovely musical evening.

Bridgend Tabernacle Choir are currently preparing for a concert on Friday, May 18 with a delightful French choir, 'Chorale du Lac' as part of Town Twinning activities.

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'HIGHLAND TIGERS' AT COWBRIDGE U3A

COWBRIDGE U3A Natural History group was fortunate recently to welcome back Alicia Leow-Dyke, who travelled all the way from Llandrindod Wells

to give an illustrated presentation entitled 'The Story of Wildcats in Britain'.

Before her appointment as the Welsh Beaver Project Officer, Alicia had been

involved in a captive wildcat breeding programme in the Scottish Highlands and this formed the basis of her talk.

The Scottish wildcat (colloquially known as the Highlands Tiger) is a dark coloured subspecies of the European wildcat, native to Scotland. Its range previously also included England and Wales, but it became extinct in these areas, as well as in southern Scotland, within the last 150-200 years.

The reasons for the population decline include loss of habitat, as commercial forestry offers little in the way of prey and den sites, management by gamekeepers (pheasants and grouse are on their menu, along with mice, rats, voles, rabbits and carrion), road kills, and hybridisation through interbreeding with feral domestic cats (who can then also transmit diseases to the wildcat).

Wildcats are, in general, slightly larger than domestic cats and they don't purr, but make a screechy sound.

Unlike their domestic cousins, wildcats only breed once a year, producing a litter of one to three kittens. This feline species is reputedly unteachable.

There is estimated to be a population of 400-1,000 wildcats in the Highlands, but, as a result of the interbreeding, fewer than 100 genetically pure animals may exist.

Alicia described some of the methods of distinguishing between domestic cats, hybrids and wildcats. Genetic testing is one method, while the robustness of the skull and the length of the intestines are useful in post mortems,

but for quick field identification it is the tail that holds the clue; wildcats have a broad, blunt tail with a black tip, no rump spots and the dorsal stripe stops at the base of the tail.

The Aigas Field Centre near Inverness started a captive breeding programme in 2001, initially with a single breeding pair of wildcats. The aim was to raise wildcats and eventually release them into the wild.

The natural behaviour of the young was to hunt (something also seen in domestic cats), so there was no need to train them to do so, unlike the experience with larger feline species, such as lions.

Other centres are now involved in the breeding programme; there are currently 50 males and 30 females in captivity, all at least 75 per cent genetically pure wildcat.

To reduce the hybridisation risks, responsible cat ownership is being promoted and farm cats are being neutered and vaccinated. Gamekeepers are being taught how to differentiate between feral domestic cats and wildcats.

At present, no wildcats have been released into the wild, but surveys are being undertaken to identify suitable sites where they can be set free safely.

The wildcat is traditionally an icon of Scottish wilderness, but the species is under serious threat of extinction; one can only hope that the breeding programme eventually makes a positive impact on numbers.

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Final missing names are sought for World War One Roll of Honour Book

FOLLOWING his recent plea for information on some of the names listed on Barry's Roll of Honour for World War One, local historian Dr Jonathan Hicks has been provided with assistance by relatives of the fallen.

"There was a great response to my request of a fortnight ago from GEM readers. Thanks to the people who contacted me, I have been able to add more information to the Roll of Honour book that I am compiling for the Royal British Legion in preparation for the centenary event at Barry Memorial Hall on Saturday, September 22."

"More stories of the sacrifice made by local men during the Great War have come to light and the book has now been updated."

Some names on the Roll of Honour in Barry Memorial Hall still remain a mystery though, and Dr Hicks is appealing for anyone who has information on who these men were to contact him so that their details can be included in the Book of Remembrance which will be the centrepiece of this memorable event to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

"This book will contain information on all the local men who laid down their lives for their country as a result of the Great War of 1914-1918, so any information that readers can provide would be most welcome. This

promises to be a remarkable evening where we all gather to pay tribute to the local casualties of World War One, and it is important that each man has his place of honour."

The names are: G. W. Adams; D. Bevins; A. Bolton; E. Bowden; P. Bryant; R. Bryant; G. F. Butler; R. Callaghan; E. W. Cochrane; R. C. Cooper; W. H. Cose; A. J. Daniels; H. E. Davies; W. M. Davies; D. J. Doleman; A. H. Donoghue; A. C. Elston; J. Falconer; T. N. Hannon; W. J. Harris; F. Hassell; Arthur Hunt; I. B. James; W. S. Jeffries; B. W. John; B. Johnson; C. Johnson; G. A. Lewis; D. C. F. Morgan; A. G. Morris; H. Nicholls; E. O'Callaghan; A. C. Osborne; H. C. Osborne; J. Parry; D. J. Passmore; A. Reece; H. S. Rees; W. Reeves; D. I. Roberts; R. Rogers; W. Short; C. G. Smith; C. G. Stephens; C. W. Thomas; P. E. Thomas; R. Thomas; T. J. Thomas; G. W. Thompson; S. C. Turner; G. J. Whitchurch; A. Williams; W. G. Williams; W. Willis; J. Wolfe.

If you are able to identify any of the men listed above, email Dr Hicks at ninian27@btinternet.com or call him on 07708 255295.

Bridgend Quiz League round-up

THE final League matches of the 2017/18 Bridgend Quiz League season were contested on Monday, April 9 with the following results:

Penybont FC Nomads 44, Crown Maesteg 47; TyRisha Royals 50, Five Bells A 41; Laleston Inn A 38, Tondy Railway Club 56; Pheasant Poachers 49, Oddfellows Arms Bettws 35; Prince of Wales Coychurch 48, Laleston Inn B 50; Five Bells B 43, Chatterton Shunters 60; Cabo Roche 41, Pheasant Gamekeepers 44.

The final League tables are:

Division 1:	P	W	D	Pts
Penybont Nomads	18	13	1	27
Tondy Railway Club	18	11	0	22
Mackworth Arms	18	10	0	20
Laleston Inn A	18	8	0	16
TyRisha Royals	18	7	1	15
Crown Maesteg	18	7	0	14
Five Bells A	18	6	0	12
Division 2:	P	W	D	Pts
Laleston Inn B	21	15	1	31
Pheasant Poachers	21	12	2	26
Cabo Roche	21	12	1	25
Chatterton Shunters	21	12	1	25
Pheasant Gamekeepers	21	10	1	21
Five Bells B	21	7	3	17
Prince of Wales Rebels	21	7	3	17
Oddfellows Arms	21	3	0	6

The matches that remain are the Cup and Plate Finals which will be held at Penybont AFC clubhouse, Bryntirion, on Monday, April 16 at 8pm.

QUIZ TEASERS

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. Tiger and Stargazer are types of which flower?
2. Which author wrote *Watership Down*?
3. What is the most northerly town of the British Isles?

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3. Lerwick in the Shetlands.
2. Richard Adams.
1. Lilliput.

Answers:

Doha-Cardiff route will start on May 1

WHEN the inaugural Doha-Cardiff flight touches down on May 1, it will be a homecoming of a sort for the Airbus A350-900, or at least her wings.

Those with an interest in things aeronautical and industry will know that the wings – made primarily of carbon-fibre reinforced polymer – are manufactured at Airbus Broughton, in north Wales.

From May 1, Qatar Airways will be the first airline to offer daily flights between Doha and Cardiff, providing the Welsh capital with links to the rest of the world via Qatar Airways' extensive global route network.

The A350-900, of which Qatar Airways was the global launch customer, will mark the commencement of the new route, which will go on to be served by another latest-generation aircraft, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr Akbar Al Baker said: "The launch of our new service to Cardiff is a major milestone for Qatar Airways."

"It makes sense that the inaugural flight that welcomes Qatar Airways to Wales is on the A350-900, the wings of which are built in Wales."

Deb Barber, Chief Executive Officer of Cardiff Airport, added: "On behalf of the team at Cardiff Airport, I am immensely proud that Qatar Airways has recognised the potential that exists within the region and chosen Cardiff Airport to operate a regular service to Doha from May 1.

The service opens up a world of connectivity for our customers in Wales and South West England to destinations across Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Asia and beyond.

"I am also very excited that Qatar Airways has chosen to mark the inaugural flight with the use of the A350-900."

"This is recognition of the aircraft's links with Wales and the engineering prowess that we have here, and we very much look forward to welcoming this stunning aircraft to Cardiff Airport as part of the huge celebration when the new route begins in just a few weeks' time."

A ramble across the beacons for Penarth walkers

A BRIGHT, sunny morning greeted the group of five walkers who joined Robin from Penarth and District Ramblers and his spaniel Pepper on a circular tour of four main peaks in the central Brecon Beacons.

Arriving at the Lower Neaudd reservoir car park, they were amazed to see so much snow covering the mountain tops.

Heading out across the

moorland to face their first climb, the once difficult and rocky path had been improved.

Arriving at the snow line and meeting two walkers who hailed from Australia, their long journey on the snowy ridge at Graig Fan Ddu brought them closer to Corn Du, with its stream of walkers clambering uphill from the Storey Arms and the A470.

By now, it was much colder and the snow was becoming deeper and despite the climb onto Corn Du (or the Black Horn) being fairly easy,

the descent into the valley was more difficult as the snow was very slippery. Some of the group decided to 'ski' down the slope on their rear ends.

A third climb up onto Pen y Fan brought them into the company of the many walkers intent on conquering the mountain which at a height of 886m, is the highest peak in south Wales.

After enjoying the views from its rocky cairn, it was time to think of the tricky steep descent into Cwm Sere.

Arriving at the valley bottom for lunch, their fourth climb afterwards led them up onto Cribyn, which was less populated. The slow descent through slushy snow brought them to Bwlch ar y Fan and the old drover's road.

A quick pause prior to the last climb, then a hard trek uphill through the snow onto the totally deserted Fan y Big where they made for the 'Diving Board,' a piece of rock that juts out over the dizzy heights of the valley below.

After warning the troops they would be leaving the main pathway, they made their way across the hillside at

Tor Glas, with its snow-covered tumpy grass and almost hidden small gullies.

At the end of the ridge, they made their final weary descent back to the start for the journey home after what had been a hard but enjoyable day.

On April 14, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate walk in waterfall country from Pontmeddfechan; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On April 15, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 6.5-mile moderate walk taking in Llanfeigan, Pencelli and the Brecon canal; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On April 18, the midweek walk leaves Cogan at 8am for a 14-mile moderate/hard walk taking in the Wye Valley and The Begwyns; contact William on 07528 701 952.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

AM'S PRAISE FOR WALKING FESTIVAL



Jane Hutt AM and Marion Eynon at Valeways

ON a visit to Valeways last week, Vale AM Jane Hutt congratulated Marion Eynon, chair of the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival, for organising such a splendid programme of walks for 2018 between May 15-20.

Jane Hutt said: "With themed trails on heritage, history, wildlife and archaeology, there is something for everyone in this festival which is celebrating, The Year of the Sea."

All walks are free and take place across the Vale, guided by trained leaders. The AM continued: "As a Friend of Valeways, I am particularly glad the Women's Trail is included in this centenary year of partial women's suffrage, with a walk in Barry which takes us to the homes and places of importance for many admirable women-including suffragettes. "I hope many people will join the enjoyable and inspiring Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival."

For further information, contact 01446 749000 www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk

AGM for NT

THE AGM of the Vale of Glamorgan National Trust Association will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, April 18 at The Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge, when the president, Sir Brooke Boothby, Bt, will be in the chair.

We are delighted that Linda Tomos, chair of the NT Advisory Board for Wales is joining us.

Our Spring weekend break to the Metropole Hotel & Spa, Llandrindod Wells will depart at 9.30am on Friday, April 20 from behind Cowbridge Town Hall.

The Spring newsletter will be available for any member who has not received a copy, but is also available on email to prospective members by request to vofgamt@gmail.com, where enquiries can be sent.

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Depleted Tondy still too strong for Ammanford



ABOVE: Adam Harris leads the charge.

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A depleted Tondy side were more than up to the task of facing Ammanford at Pandy Park, emerging 44-17 winners.

It took 16 minutes for the home side to find the whitewash through scrum half Geraint Gillett after Ammanford had looked the most likely to open the scoring.

Gareth Isaacs soon levelled things for the visitors though with a splendid try on 20 minutes.

A penalty from Josh Tatchell put the home side back in front before wingman James Hurst finished off a wonderful move for his first try to give his side a 13-5 half-time lead.

Ammanford came out fighting in the second half and brought themselves within a point when centre Andrew Owens crashed over for a well-worked try and Steffan Roberts added the conversion.

However, there then came the turning point in what had been a close-fought encounter, as Tondy seemed to move from first to fifth gear in



ABOVE: Nathan Strong hands off an Ammanford defender, while BELOW: Paul Smithson looks to get a Tondy attack going.



a 15 minute period that no team could have lived with.

James Hurst finished off another fine move for his second try with Tatchell again adding the extra points before Tondy stole a five-metre lineout for full back Aled Jones to sail back Aled Jones to David Griggs then added another for Tatchell to again convert before the try of the match when Tondy were awarded a penalty inside their own 22 which they took quickly and unleashed a spectacular display of running rugby for Matthew Murphy to run in under the posts.

Tatchell added the conversion and that seemed to be that, but there was one more try left in the locker and it

was a rampaging Nathan Strong that started the move that saw wing James Hurst seal a memorable hat trick. Ammanford did score a late consolation try through wing Daffyd Pritchard, but that by no way took anything away from a magnificent Tondy performance.

TONDU SECONDS REACH FINAL OF ENOCH LEWIS CUP TRIES from Alex Knight Adam Lang Luke Whithall and Kurtis Daniel, with three penalties and three conversions from Luke Whithall, gave Tondy a 35-13 victory over Cefn Cribwr and they will now face Maesteg Quins or Heol y Cyw in the final.

MIKE SULLY

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC are grateful to Bryntirion Comprehensive School for allowing them to use their facilities to host their annual mini rugby festival on Sunday, April 8, and to all players, parents, member volunteers, particularly Dean Brown, Rhys Jones, Andrew Smith and Amanda Williams, who gave their time to make the event a resounding success.

Forty teams took part with around 600 players in a well-organised tournament in which only rugby was the winner, with all players being awarded commemorative medals on the day.

Athletic legend Rhys Webb and Tom Habberfield, former mini and junior players with the Athletic, attended the event along with Ospreys prop Gareth Thomas.

The teams thoroughly enjoyed the experience of Nigel Owens and Rhys Webb refereeing some of the games. A big thank you to Nigel for enhancing the festival experience for the youngsters.

Bridgend Athletic under-8s participated in the hugely successful Bridgend Athletic RFC mini rugby festival at Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

There were three pools of six under-7s teams with every team playing five matches. In their age grade there were teams from Beddau (five), Bridgend Sports (two), Felinfoel, Whiteheads, Machen, Kenfig Hill, Cefn Cribwr, Valley Ravens and Maesteg Quins.

The Ath under-7s entered four teams with each team doing brilliantly, between them they won 14, drew one and only lost two. One of



Bridgend Athletic under-8s' tournament squad with Ospreys Gareth Thomas, Tom Habberfield and Rhys Webb.

the best games of the day was two Athletic teams playing against one another ending in a draw.

The kids loved having Rhys Webb and Nigel Owens assist with refereeing. Special mention to everyone who helped to make it a fun day out.

Bridgend Athletic under-8s hosted Beddau, Maesteg Celtic, Machen, Porthcawl, Whiteheads, Cefn Cribwr, Valley Ravens and Felinfoel at the festival. A total of 10 games played they won eight, drew one and lost one, a great team effort with 45 tries scored through the day.

The Ath under-9s enjoyed a successful day at the festival as they welcomed local sides Bridgend Sports RFC, Maesteg RFC, Llanharan RFC, Valley Ravens RFC and from a little further afield, Whiteheads RFC.

Some great entertaining rugby was played in some testing conditions for the young men of all sides on the day. The under-9s played excellently throughout the day winning two drawing two and losing one. A great effort by all and thank you to everyone who was involved with making the day so successful and enjoyable for all.

The under-11s hosted Valley Ravens, Loughor, Pontardulais, Beddau and Whiteheads at the festival. Despite having a depleted squad and dreadful playing

conditions, the Ath remained competitive to the end, with every team playing with high skill and intensity levels.

The games were played in true festival spirit with fun and enthusiasm, and we'd like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers, coaches and referees who helped make the day a resounding success. Well done to Valley Ravens who went through the day unbeaten scoring some superb individual and team tries.

The Ath under-12s squad travelled to Hereford to take part in the well-organised and competitive Old Luctonians Rugby Festival.

They reached the final where in a hard-fought contest with Stourbridge neither side could break well organised defences and ended up sharing the trophy with a 0-0 draw.

Doing well to adapt to RFU rules, the Ath reached the final by topping their group and winning all four pool games against Bridgenorth (30-0), Whitchurch (10-5), Telford (20-10) and Luctonians (5-0).

The squad were a credit to the club and themselves: Forwards - Iwan S, Iolo J, Rhydian G, Daniel H, Harry G, Jacob W, Daniel M and Rhys W. Backs - Leo Q, Rhys H, Louis O, Sam B, Alex T, Dan C, Charlie R, Jake B.

Tournament try

scorers - Leo (4), Rhys (4), Louis (2), Dan C, Rhydian and Charlie.

Well done everyone - we go again this week to Bristol for Whitehall RFC's junior rugby festival celebration.

Buoyed by a large victory over New Dock Stars the Ath under-13s travelled to Llantwit Major, a team this age group cannot remember defeating in previous seasons, anticipating a very tough game.

A massive team performance saw them outscoring the home side by six tries to two in a 32-12 victory. Flanker Luca Barclay crossed for four tries while centre Shea Duggan added two.

This was a role reversal of Shea's four tries and Luca's two against New Dock Stars. Jacob Hughes converted one of the tries.

Luca powered over for the first try with three players on his back, while slick passing by the backs was finished by Shea for the second try. Luca's second try followed by the home side's opening try gave the Ath a 17-0 half-time lead.

The second half was a scrappy affair but following Llantwit reducing the deficit to 17-12 with a converted try, Shea's second try and two more for Luca allowed the Athletic to pull away for a well-deserved 32-12 victory.

In an excellent team performance, the back-row dominance of Elliot Patterson, Jacob Cox and Luca Barclay allowed scrum half Fynn Bull to dictate the game.

Bridgend Athletic under-15s travelled the short distance to Porthcawl for a 12 noon kick-off.

This fixture is always evenly contested between two very good teams. The sea air proved agreeable to the Ath on the day as they ran out 24-5 victors crossing for four tries.

Porthcawl applied early pressure and drew first blood when despite a great try saving tackle by Luke Thomas they drove over from the resultant ruck.

This appeared to galvanise the Ath and superior scrummaging and great line out work enabled half backs Thom Lewis and Euan Rees to

release the speedy Ath back division.

A kick through by centre Tom Florence, which he then followed over, created a great turnover, resulting in John Coates racing away from a ruck just inside the Porthcawl half to score a great try in the corner to level the scores.

A short while later the Ath were given a penalty in front of the Porthcawl posts. Captain Ryan Neagle took a quick tap and fed Coates on the charge and he crashed over at the posts carrying half the Porthcawl pack with him. Euan Rees slotted the extra two points.

On the stroke of half-time, a barnstorming run (one of many during the game) from his own half saw Number 8 Michael Gillette on a Jonah Lomu-type run, smashing his way through the first line of defence and totally outpacing the Porthcawl defence in a sprint to the corner, before finally brushing aside the final cover to crash over in the corner. This gave the Ath a 17-5 half-time lead.

The second half continued in the same vein with an incredible Ath line-out display, aided by accurate throwing from both hookers used.

Some stout defence by Porthcawl initially kept the Ath at bay. However they were visibly crumbling against the constant onslaught of the Ath forwards running at them at every opportunity.

Some great runs by Harrison Morgan, Xander Molitika, Michael Gillette and Logan Shearan caused havoc in the home defence and the pressure finally paid off when, with about 10 minutes remaining, great handling between backs and forwards resulted in centre Ruben Hunt giving a well-timed pass to wing Owen D'Adamo.

A trademark hand-off enabled him to race away and score underneath the posts for the fourth Athletic try, duly converted by Euan Rees, for a comprehensive 24-5 win against a very plucky Porthcawl side.

Another fantastic performance from all 22 players used on the day.

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BRIDGEND DERBY A CLOSE RUN THING

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC are grateful for local rivals Bridgend Sports stepping in when their Welsh Conference opponents Pill Harriers withdrew from their April 7 Welsh Conference league fixture.

A very hard-fought contest played in good spirit was in doubt until the final whistle with the Athletic triumphing by 14 points to 10.

With both senior pitches waterlogged the match was played on the mini and junior and youth A48 pitch.

The Sports had the better of the early exchanges but an inspired moment by young Athletic full back Nathan Jones led to the opening score.

The Athletic half backs Josh Symons and Scott Jones opened play from a scrum on their own 10 metre line. Jones entered the line at speed and broke the defensive cover.

When halted a deft back of the hand pass saw wing Josh Seldon gallop unopposed for 35 metres to cross for an Athletic try. Outside half Jones converted.

The Athletic's second try came from a five-metre driving line-out. Lewis Down found lock Ben Cording to set up the drive.

Lock Gareth Bartlett broke off to cross in the



Bridgend Athletic lock Aled Pilliner against Bridgend Sports.

PICTURE BY JOHN CANNON

corner and Scott Jones' touchline conversion saw the Athletic take a 14-0 lead.

The Sports hit back and reduced the half-time deficit to 14-3 with a penalty from Rob Spear.

The Sports had the better territorial advantage in the second half with No 8, captain Dai Dent, and

lock Max Bresin to the fore, while experienced evergreen outside-half Geraint Lewis was dictating play with well-judged tactical kicking.

Scrum-half Matthew Davies was first to a chip over the Athletic defence and dribbled the ball for 50 metres to outflank the Athletic cover and cross for a try, converted by centre Peter Roberts, to reduce the Sports deficit to 14-10.

Athletic centre Luke Hollyman nearly emulated the try but his final kick ahead crossed the dead ball line before he could touch down.

The Athletic defended their lead with good work in the pack from Bartlett, Aled Pilliner, Hywel Cosby and turnovers from centre-turned-flanker for the day Chris Price.

As at Rhiwbina the previous week, centre Luke Yardley contributed a very high tackle count as the Athletic hung on for a hard-fought victory.

Athletic coach Liam Griffiths suggested putting a gagging order, or a visit to a silent monastery, on some indiscipline Ath individuals who cost the Athletic several penalties, often moved back a further 10 metres for further dissent.

This Saturday, April 14, Pill Harriers are due to visit Newbridge Fields for the WRU Conference fixture they were unable to make this Saturday.

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Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

BRIDGEND Sports under-16s are a squad who have defied the odds over the last two seasons.

Many would have written their chances of survival off when they started the 2016/17 season with eight players. Today they have a squad of some 25 players with a great heart and team spirit. Their recent tour to Belgium was certainly well-earned and showed what can be achieved with the will power, organisation and support.

The squad travelled to play in the 2018 Ghent Easter rugby festival. They set off, together with mascot Shaun, from the Brewery Field, Bridgend, in the early hours of Friday morning for the Dover to Calais crossing and after a hectic two days of some intensive sightseeing, and team bonding that included a Hawaiian night, they set off for the

festival early on Sunday morning, a little weary but nevertheless enthusiastic.

The Sports were drawn in a pool of four teams. They played Hove, Handsworth and Porthcawl on a 3G pitch. The tournament format was intense, with little scope for error as games were played with 10-minute halves. This left little time for any side to settle into a rhythm. Sides therefore had to hit the ground running and with the weather dry, the Sports youngsters were up for it.

They played Hove RFC in the first game and exploded into action with some great handling from the whistle. Scoring early, they kept the pressure up and scored four tries through Kyle Bruton, Dylan Pritchard and Deacon Coles (two) and put up a resolute defence to finish 20-0 winners.

Next up was another English side from

Handsworth. The Sports carried on where they left off in the first game by hitting the opposition hard early and then they played some sublime rugby with great handling moves and support running.

The Blue and Whites ran in five tries through Kyle Bruton from their own 22, Ethan Bevan, Kai Lewis and another brace from Deacon Coles.

Kieran Richards added two conversions to finish the game with a resounding 29-0 victory to sit top of their pool.

It was local side Porthcawl next. A local Welsh derby, 369 miles from home, played in Belgium to decide the pool winners, both sides having won two from two games.

Both teams were up for it and no quarter was given. It was close, but the Sports ran out 7-5 victors in an extremely close game. Deacon Coles scored again and



Bridgend Sports' under-16s.

Kieran Richards added the conversion.

The Sports emerged as pool winners to take a well-earned refreshment break ahead of a semi-final against Billericay Bees RFC from Essex.

Some what disappointed, the Sports learned of some unfortunate news. The tournament was over-running, and all semi-finals had to be played as one 10-minute half. To compound matters they also lost the toss.

The Bees kicked off, took a clean catch but a big chase resulted in the Sports playing in their own 22. Following several phases of ruck and maul the Sports knocked on.

The Bees secured possession from the scrum out wide near the touch line, they burst down a very narrow blindside to touch down in the corner, the conversion failed but the Sports were 5-0 down.

With only six minutes remaining, a massive effort from all the Sports team saw the remainder of the game played in the Bees 22, and the Sports retained possession to mount wave after wave of attacks but to no avail. It was a valiant effort.

The Sports then moved into a plate final against Porthcawl who had just lost heavily in their semi-final to Rhymney, Cardiff. The final was played on the main pitch in front of the large crowd of spectators and sponsors.

It started tensely, as both sides were evenly matched as evidenced in the pool game, a typical derby with both sides knowing each other well. It proved to be a nip and tuck affair early on, but the Sports secured a turnover in their own 22. Kyle Bruton at full back, broke away down the wing, accelerated to beat three defenders and score under the posts. Kieran Richards added the conversion for 7-0.

The final minutes were all about mind-set, discipline and attitude. The Sports kept possession, worked through the phases and gave away no penalties. Their defence was immense throughout the

second half to shut Porthcawl out and secure the plate to round off a great tour by receiving the Ghent Easter rugby 2018 plate trophy at the presentation ceremony.

Bridgend Sports RFC would like to extend their gratitude to the coaching team who have worked so hard through a tough season – Lee Roderick, Adam Boone, Andrew Jones, Evans and Gareth Edwards, also to Steve Duffill for organising the tour and all the backroom staff and parents that made it possible.

They would also like to extend a huge thank you to the following tour sponsors for their kind support: T J Services, S Wood Products, G&C Electrical Ltd, Tyrewise, Daniel Matthew Estate Agents, Phil's News and Café, The Haywain.

Both on and off the field, the Bridgend Sports under-16s were a credit to their club, Bridgend and Wales.

Squad: Dylan Pritchard (c), Marshall Williams, Evan Jones, Kai Lewis, Lewis Edwards, Kian Squire, Dan Roderick, Ethan Bevan, Iestyn Rees, Ryan Mordecai, Rhys Loveluck, Deacon Coles, Kyle Bruton, Elliott Bebb, Josh Roberts, Garyn Edwards, Fin Duffill, Kieran Richards.

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IT was good to see a busy weekend for Bridgend Sports mini and rugby teams. The season has been disrupted by the weather and with a dry morning, it was great to see so many young players.

The under-7s enjoyed their run out at the Bridgend Athletic festival, the under-8s played hosts to touring team Loughor and mixed it up with a round-robin against Nelson. They had a great morning as they outscored their opponents in all games – Sports 10, Loughor 4; Sports 5, Nelson 4.

The Sports tries were scored by Zack Hughes, Dan Flower, Dan Perriman, Rhys Evans, Rhodri Owen, Max Hearing, and Kayden Jones. Reuben Sinclair earned star of the week.

The under-10s also enjoyed a round robin against three good teams in Tondur, Loughor and Cwmavon.

Tondur were very organised and clinical at the ruck as the Sports got off to a slow start in the first game. Despite putting in some good tackles, the Sports did not come to life until the last five minutes. It was all a little too late as Tondur ran in seven tries.

The Sports played Loughor next, another organised, strong side. Chloe Robin led from the front for the Sports, and she was outstanding at counter rucking and all-round play.

The home side gave everything but Loughor capitalised on a few mistakes to win a fantastic game 0-15.

The Sports saved their best for the last game against Cwmavon. The forwards and backs linked well for Dylan Evans to score first from a fantastic long pass by Matthew Oglesbee.

Maddie Rees drove over low and hard for the next try and Toby Lewis scored the last try following a strong run along the touch line.

Cwmavon brought on a substitute in the last couple of minutes to score a late try. The Sports emerged victorious 15-5.

Sports' player of the week was Matthew Oglesbee for his tackling, rucking and some great passing of the ball into space.

The under-11s had a tough morning against a more aggressive Nelson side, going down 10-15. The first half was scrappy with neither side gaining a foothold.

It looked to be ending scoreless until Nelson managed to find a gap and score a good try which was the last play of the half.

The second half was a case of more of the same with good defence from both sides. Nelson were able to create space around their outside half and he crashed over from a couple of yards for their second try.

He also had a hand in Nelson's third try as the Sports held back expecting a kick, but he

carried on running and played his winger in to cross the line for the third try.

The Sports hit back with two tries of their own, one from Gruff Lewis and the second from Jack Spurdut, but they could not find their third try which would have been deserved. Nelson managed to hold out for the win.

The under-12s looked comfortable by half-time in their game, having fought hard for a 19-0 lead against an eager Cwmavon side who were adept at challenging for the ball on the ground and fringing at the ruck.

The home team took charge within the first six minutes, as they controlled the game through some smart forward work to keep possession. Half backs Will Ellis and Callum Lewis ensured they bossed the early possession and territory.

Cwmavon were, however, a dangerous side and they showed that they are a capable one by fighting back in the second half.

The Sports scored three unanswered tries in the first half – Harri Williams scored the first from close range after five phases of loose play which saw forwards, Mackenzie Dent, Chloe Gant and Theo Clarke

make the hard yards in several bursts after backs Will Ellis, Callum Lewis, Thomas Coles and Tom Chick first created a wide attack.

Although Cwmavon managed to hold up Chloe Gant on the line, number eight Megan Lewis picked up from the five-metre scrum; she made a dash for the line before distributing to Harri Williams for him to score. Callum Jones converted.

The Sports' confidence grew with their half backs both controlling and creating attacks and the forwards bursting the defence.

It became a matter of time before the second try followed – Chloe Gant, Tyler Burton, Mackenzie and Dylan Parry punched through the Cwmavon defence, Harri Williams secured the ruck ball, Megan Lewis was waiting and made the final burst to score. Callum Jones converted.

Megan Lewis added the third try to extend the lead to 19-0 at the end of the half.

In the second half, a combination of a Cwmavon revival and a dip in the Sports performance allowed Cwmavon back into the game, as they used their backs well to provide their wings some space.

They scored three unanswered second-half tries, and converted two to level the scores at 19-19.

The game could then have gone either way, with both sides scoring three tries each and converting two to share the spoils.

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Joy – then heartbreak – as Bethan represents Wales at Commonwealth Games

OVER the weekend, watched by her proud parents Richard and Helen, local Bridgend girl Bethan Dyke won her 36th and 37th Welsh Netball caps competing in the first two Welsh fixtures at the Brisbane Commonwealth Games against New Zealand and Scotland.

Wales, ranked 10 in the world, compete in Pool B against second and third-ranked New Zealand and England, sixth and seventh-ranked Malawi and Uganda and ninth-ranked Scotland, so face a major task to make the two semi-final qualifying places from the group.

Following a two-week training camp and three warm up matches in Tasmania, they played their opening tournament matches against the Silver Ferns New Zealand on April 6 and Scotland on April 7.

Despite losing 44-70 to New Zealand, it was the highest number of points by Wales against the Silver Ferns, and the second quarter saw the team record their first ever session win, 13-9, against New Zealand.

Against Scotland Wales were defeated 47-51 in a 'physical, feisty contest', as reported by Wales Netball; with Wales leading in the second quarter they seemed to lose the upper hand when Bethan took a tumble and was forced to retire.

Unfortunately, a later scan revealed a torn ACL in Bethan's knee requiring an operation



Bethan in action against Scotland. (PICTURE BY GLENNSPORTS)

and anticipated nine month rehabilitation period.

Bethan, her family and Wales Netball are devastated by this development and hope everything goes well to see her eventually return to the sport she loves.

23-year-old Bethan, born on Christmas Day, 1994, plays in the British Vitality Netball Super League for elite Welsh side Celtic Dragons.

She represented Wales Netball at under-17, under-19 and under-21 levels before winning her first senior cap aged 19 in 2014.

That year she competed for Wales in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and the World Cup in 2015.

Her sister, 19-year-old Chloe, is tracking Bethan. She captained the Wales under-17 side for two seasons, before acquiring under-19 representative honours and is currently a member of the Wales' under-21 squad. She competed for Wales at the World Netball Youth Cup in 2017.

Both sisters were

inspired to take up netball by watching their mother Helen train and play in local netball leagues.

They both started playing netball in Litchard Junior School and then the Penybont Dragons and Cowbridge Netball Club and are grateful to the coaches of those local teams for giving them their support, before their talents rapidly moved them forward.

Helen took up umpiring and coaching netball and is qualified to B level in umpiring and is a Level 2 coach.

Helen and husband Richard are both current members of local running and cycling clubs.

Richard, a director in family business R&M Dyke (Civil Engineering) Ltd played rugby for Bridgend Athletic, Pontypool, Bridgend and Tondur.

Last October, at the age of 47, he completed the Tenby Iron Course of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26 mile run marathon in 13 hours 46 minutes. AB

Porthcawl Bridge Club latest news

THE latest results from Porthcawl Bridge Club are as follows:

Saturday, March 24: First, Tony Haworth and John Beard; second, Connie Dick and Wendy Williams.

Thursday, March 29: First, Roger Draper and Rory Gibbons; second, Keith Davison and Tony Haworth.

Saturday, March 31: First, Vida Halford and Debbie Lea; second, Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth.

Thursday, April 5: First, Pat Haworth and Gary Williams; second, Maurice and Margaret Harris.

The club's AGM will be held on Thursday, April 19, when the Saturday times will be decided.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays from 6.45pm to 9.45pm and Saturdays from 3.45pm to 6.45pm. Visitors are welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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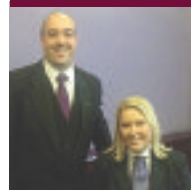
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CRIBBS

Barbara Mary (née Woodham)

Peacefully in her sleep on 8th April at home with her family, Barbara Mary, aged 75 years, of Barry. Dearly loved wife of Dennis. Loved mother of Sue and Phil. Cherished nan of Joseph and Dylan. Devoted sister of the late Joe Woodham.

Barbara will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, to be received into St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Barry on Thursday, 19th April at 4pm.

Requiem Mass on Friday, 20th April at 10am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie Hospice Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

RIMELL

Mavis Patricia

(formerly of 44 Castle Road, Rhose, near Barry, Vale of Glamorgan)

Mavis passed away peacefully on 17th March 2018; her interment and a short service will be held at Porthkerry Church on 18th April at 2pm.

Anyone wishing to make further enquiries please contact Mrs Janet Latham on 07763 920539.

SAYCE

Kathleen Violet Ivy

Peacefully at her home in St Hilary, Ivy, in her 102nd year, much loved mum of Rae and the late Rosalind and sons-in-law Graham and Des. Loving nan to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ivy will be dearly missed by all her family.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon, Funeral Thursday, 19th April, service and interment 12.30pm at St Hilary Church.

WILLIAMS

David Royston (Roy)

Peacefully at home on 29th March with Tommy and Coral at his bedside, Roy, well known and loved of Barry Island, sadly passed away. Devoted dad of Coral, cherished Bamp of Daniel and Ben. Much loved brother of Rita, and a loving partner of Tommy.

Roy will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St John Methodist Church, Barry Island on Thursday, 19th April at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Roy's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations to support Ty Hafan Children Hospice in Wales.

NORRIS

Betty

It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of their mother Betty, aged 97 years, on 25th March at Llandough Hospital.

A much loved mum of Anne, Gill and Richard, cherished nanny to Claire, Iain, Anna and Vincent. Adored Granny B of Jasmine, Kieran, Thomas, Elliot and Jack.

Betty will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her funeral service at Barry Crematorium on Monday, 16th April at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice may be made at the service.

QUICK

Patricia Rose (née Kennedy)

Peacefully on 31st March at Holme Towers, Penarth after a short illness, Pat of Station Road, Rhose (formerly of Llantwit Major). Beloved sister of Mary, Violet, Alfie, Susan, Helen and the late Frank, loving aunty to all her nieces and nephews. A special thank you to Pat's best friend, Jackie Marsden.

Pat will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday, 17th April. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to Marie Curie c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

MAUND

Mary Elizabeth (née Soper)

Sadly on 26th March 2018, Mary, aged 93 years, dear wife of the late Alf.

Mary will be greatly missed by all her friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 19th April at 1pm, followed by interment at St Andrews Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

MAUND

Mary

Sadly missed, treasured friend of Rob and the late Jan.

MAUND

Mary

Rest in peace dear friend and neighbour. Love Betty, Paul & family.

MAUND

Mary

Mary, it was a privilege and a pleasure to have known you. Over the years we had many fun and happy times. I will miss you.

God Bless, Liz.

EVANS

Cora Myfanwy

Peacefully at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on 26th March, Cora passed away aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late Cyril and cherished mum to Pam. Adored grandmother to Danielle and Jade and their partners, Chris and Harrison. Great grandmother to Elijah and Noah.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Resting at W. A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 19th April at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Dementia UK (cheques only please) c/o the funeral director.

BROWN

Ronald

Suddenly on 12th March 2018, Ron, retired Head of Art Department of Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Much loved and sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at Maesgwyn Funeral Home until the funeral on Monday, 16th April 2018, service at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. No flowers by request but donations in lieu to Parkinson's Society c/o Maesgwyn Funeral Home, Main Road, Church Village, Pontypridd, CF38 1PY. Tel: 01443 202058.

ANGLIM

Emily May (Em)

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, on Wednesday, 28th March, aged 90 years. Loving mother to Susan and Mo, much loved nan to Katie, Nicola, Ryan, Noah and Lee.

Forever in our hearts, never to be forgotten.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James and Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 25th April, service 12 noon at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by interment 1pm at Llantwit Major Cemetery, Boverton Road.

STEPHENS

Oliver

Peacefully on 8th April in the University Hospital of Miami, Florida.

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The dearest and deeply loved younger brother of Tim and Jess.

A beloved brother-in-law to Kristy, and a very dear uncle to Osian and Levi.

Forever in our hearts, never to be forgotten. May he rest in peace.

BUSH

Barbara Lilian

Passed away peacefully at home on the 3rd April 2018, aged 89 years. A loving mother, grandmother great grandmother and great great grandmother.

Barbara will be sadly missed by all her family.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the funeral service at 11am on Tuesday, 17th April at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium. By request, family flowers only, donations in lieu can be made to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

SHARREM

Joan

The family of Joan would like to announce her peaceful passing on 3rd April at Broccastle Manor Nursing Home, aged 93 years. Much loved mother to Sandra and Lynne, mother-in-law to Bruce and Stuart. Loved nan to Joanne, Mark, Jenny and Elizabeth. Adored great grandmother to Emily, Sophie and Molly.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Resting at W. A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 18th April at 11.30am.

The family wish to thank all at Broccastle for their kindness to Joan and the family.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Research UK (cheques only please) c/o the funeral director.

DEYES

Michael

Peacefully on 27th March at Velindre Hospital surrounded by his loving family, Michael, aged 33 years, sadly passed away. Cherished son of Andrew and Angela, loving brother of Christopher and much loved grandson of Gloria.

Michael will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 20th April at 11am.

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Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00307/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Remedial works to footbridge, including strengthening steel lattice parapets and the addition of a hand rail
Location/Lleoliad: Cogan Station Approach Road, Cogan, Penarth
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00349/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: To provide a security lobby for school safeguarding preventing uncontrolled access or interaction from visitors. Changing the access points to the Head teachers office and Reception office by closing the existing openings and using the existing internal window openings to create new staff access. Replacing the existing doorway to the office with a lobby hatch while including a new internal security door for access control
Location/Lleoliad: Rhws Junior and Infants School, Fontygary Road, Rhosce
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00352/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Replacing modern timber windows and doors with leaded light windows and doors that suit the time and style of the property
Location/Lleoliad: Lon Twyn, Twynyn, Dinas Powys
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00361/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed internal alterations to create new Office and Meeting Rooms
Location/Lleoliad: Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II*

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00084/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Two storey rear extension and new rooflights to front
Location/Lleoliad: Forge Cottage, Llansannor
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting The Cottage, Llansannor Court, Grade II and the Church of St. Senwyr, Grade I

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00138/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of a septic tank for the treatment/disposal of sewage waste from Barry Yacht Club and adjoining former Lifeboat Station
Location/Lleoliad: Barry Yacht Club, Dock Road, Barry
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Lifeboat house and the Lifeboat house slipway adjacent to West Breakwater, both Grade II*

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00146/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: It is proposed to extend an existing manufacturing building within the Dow Performance Silicones site at Barry. The extension would comprise a new loading bay and open-plan steel-framed building to house new manufacturing equipment. The extension, in keeping with the existing adjacent buildings would be single storey
Location/Lleoliad: Dow Corning Ltd., Cardiff Road, Barry
Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00289/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Renewal of Planning Permission ref. 2011/00680/FUL (Proposed single storey events complex on the site of existing poolhouse, with associated vehicle turning space and associated works. Also proposed is an additional car park area (approximately 64 spaces). Furthermore, existing unauthorised works such as the use of the ground floor of the farmhouse as a cafe/restaurant and the cookery school are included for their retention.)

Location/Lleoliad: Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol
Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00213/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed residential development for 8 dwellings
Location/Lleoliad: Field next to West Lodge, West Aberthaw

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Snow pictures from the Vale Photographic Club



MARCH was an exciting month for the Vale Photographic Club.

Whilst we had to cancel one meeting owing to snow, the winter scenery provided pleasing visual fodder for our members who could be seen trudging through drifts up to their waists in order to get that shot.

Images containing snow can be tricky, depending on your final image you will need to play about with the camera's exposure. With this in mind our intrepid explorers set out across the Vale.

It is fair to say that, while others may be cwtched

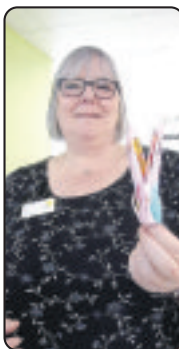
up in a warm room in front of a cosy fire, we photographers took the view that where there is snow there is a golden photographic opportunity and, braving frost bite, came up with some stunning results.

If you feel that your photographic skills could benefit from some advice and a helping hand (we all do), there will always be a VPC member willing to take that sometimes cold and wet journey with you.

Why not come along to the club, Friday evenings 7.30pm, Ystradowen Village Hall and meet us. Find our website at www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk

Bridget Craddock

EASTER AT MARIE CURIE



Deputy ward sister Gill Davies with a bunny napkin.



Michelle and Ann with nurses Susan and Janet.

THE activities at the Marie Curie – Cardiff and the Vale Hospice, organised by deputy ward sister Gill Davies, helped in-patients mark Easter Sunday.

The Rev Mark Jones, of the Parish of Penarth and Llandough, attended and held a short service and communion in the day therapy unit, which was followed by an afternoon tea made by the

hospice's kitchen staff.

Nurses also attended with patients and their families, and helped distribute tea and food.

Sister Davies said: "We try all year round to make sure patients and their families are included in festivities and celebrations, including big sporting events like the Six Nations."

"We are grateful to Rev Mark for performing the service for our patients, and to our kitchen and

ward staff for all their help and support for the event."

The event followed on from a Christmas tea party which was held at the hospice in December, together with an Advent calendar raffle held throughout December.

The hospice provides round-the-clock care and support to people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

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News from 1st Penmark and Porthkerry Scouts

THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group are always busy with activities for the young people in each section, and the last couple of months have been no exception.

Beavers have been out and about to Techniquet and made fizz to blow up a balloon, they have also spent an evening at Rhosce Community Library.

They have played lots of games, including having a broom stick race, learned about the Beaver Code of Conduct and discussed as a group

what activities they would like to do in the future. They also got dirty making bird feeders.

Cubs have been learning about Scouting and Baden Powell, have done a Promise relay and looked at the Code of Conduct.

They have caught the train into Cardiff and visited The Firing Line at Cardiff Castle, followed by lunch at Burger King and then a sleepover at the hut with pizzas from Mo's.

Scouts have been taking part in the postal shoot competition and have had an evening tasting food from around the world during their

international food evening – from paella to French bread to Japanese green tea.

They have taken part in a night hike along the coastal path to Porthkerry and back along the road, have done some bridge building, practised circus skills and undertaken a 'Pringles challenge' to build a structure from Pringles, and then, of course, in true Scouting style, to devour them.

With the warmer evenings and lighter nights some activities will now start to take place outside the hut.

However, the hut remains an excellent asset for the group but it

always needs a bit of maintenance, tidying and upkeep and to that end, the group has a number of workdays throughout the year.

The first one of this year is May 12. If you can lend a hand for 10 minutes or a couple of hours, the group would love to see you at Penkerry anytime from 10.30am. This is followed by the group's AGM from 6.30pm and then a barbecue.

If you would like to know anything about the group, please contact the group scout leader on gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk.

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RAY WILL BE MISSED, AND NOT JUST BY TOP NAMES IN FOOTBALL



Ray Wilkins hosted a coaching session six years ago in Barry. IMAGES by ANDY WICKS

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LAST week the world of football was in mourning following the death of former Chelsea, Manchester United, Rangers and AC Milan player Ray Wilkins at the age of 61.

After playing at the top level for two decades, when Ray retired he was keen to pass on his knowledge to youngsters.

Six years ago Ray, who won 84 England caps, spent a day in Barry holding a coaching clinic for aspiring young footballers.

GEM photographer Andy Wicks was able to have a brief chat with him before he began the coaching session.

"He was a really friendly guy. So easy to talk to - a totally engaging person. The kids were on another planet with him being there."

Vale councillor Gwyn John, who has provided great service to local football, said: "Ray Wilkins was a great guy. I met him at the Barry Town dinner in 2013 and he chatted as if I had known him all my life."

"He did a question and answer session with Gavin Chesterfield - it was a great night out."

"If everyone was as polite and friendly as Ray Wilkins the image of the game would improve. He was a good man and a great ambassador for football."

The day after Ray Wilkins died, an Armed Forces veteran from Cardiff phoned up the radio station talkSPORT to recall how a chance meeting with him had

changed his life. At the time the veteran was homeless and sitting outside Brompton Station.

He said: "He came over to me and I recognised him straight away and he just took some time to sit and chat."

"We were both sat on my bit of cardboard together and we were chatting about the army."

"I was a gambler at the time...but he took the time and he even took a phone call and said: 'Look I'll call you back, I'm busy at the moment'."

"We were sat chatting and he gave me £20 and told me to get myself a hot meal and then took me across the road to buy me a coffee, and as the bill came, I asked him 'Can I buy this? I want to feel like a man' and he said he totally understood all of that."

"That night I took that £20 and I got some shelter and I had a hot meal."

"When I was in the shelter, I met a guy who was helping ex-soldiers and he put me in touch with decent people who would help me."

"I am now fully recovered and not gambling. I have my own place, a beautiful girlfriend I am about to marry."

"I put it down to the time Ray took to give to a man that was nothing to him, a stranger."

The man added: "He was a real hero to me."

Ray Wilkins never knew the difference his kind act made to that veteran, but perhaps it illustrates that what is 'unseen' in life is often more important than what is seen.



The youngsters were thrilled to meet Ray.

Barry chess players in championship action

WITHIN chess most of our matches are team events where it is not just your own results matter but also the results of your other team members.

There are however a number of congresses and championships where you are competing on your own - the Welsh Championships is just such an event.

Six different players from the Barry Chess Club entered this four-day event held over the Easter weekend.

Lee Davis and Nigel Ralphs entered the main event. In the Major our

entrants were Sam Jukes, Ken Hannah, Sam White and Peter Watkins.

The most common result for our players were draws. There were a few victories and a few defeats but substantially more of our games were drawn.

In the main event Nigel had the best result of all our players in round one with a draw against FM Sven Zeidler. With other commitments Nigel could only play in four of the seven rounds so was never going to be in with a chance of winning the tournament.

Lee was ranked 17th and finished in 18th

Sully Bowls Club open day this weekend

SULLY Sports Bowls Club, mens and ladies' sections, launch their 2018 season with an open day on Saturday, April 14 at 2pm at the Sully Sports Ground, South Road, Sully.

Men's captain John Kirk, and ladies' captain Mary Dare, extend a warm welcome to all members - past, current and new.

Don't worry if you are a novice, or have never bowled, free coaching is available to all newcomers.

The men practice, and hold team selection, on a Monday evening, and their main fixtures include the Private Greens League, and Carruthers Cup on Saturday afternoons, and the Munro Cup on Wednesday evenings.

The ladies have their practice/coaching sessions on Tuesday evenings, and play in the women's Evening League.

Anyone wishing to join can turn up at the club on the afternoon of April 14, or contact Peter Holland (men's secretary) on 01446 622490, or Mary Dare (ladies captain) on 01446 732994.

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Barry Town United can seal play-off spot this weekend

AFTER a weekend washout in north Wales, Barry Town United can finally secure their spot in the JD Welsh Premier League's European play-offs this Sunday afternoon - and they can do it on home turf, as Gavin Chesterfield's men welcome their nearest rivals Newtown to Jenner Park (3.30pm kick-off).

A draw or better at Prestatyn on Saturday would have put Barry's points tally beyond the Robins' reach, yet the late postponement at Bastion Gardens means all remains to play for this weekend.

With the Scorio cameras in town once again, manager Chesterfield is expected to have a full squad of players to choose from, with leading goalscorer Kayne McLaggon poised to return, after the hometown forward missed several games and the recent Wales vs England C international through injury.

McLaggon was part of the Barry party that made the long trip to Prestatyn Town, only to find the

surface at Bastion Gardens unplayable, with the official calling the game off around 1.30pm on Saturday, as travelling supporters were arriving.

With the plagued fixture having already been nixed twice this season, Prestatyn and Barry will have to try once again on Tuesday, April 24 (7.45pm kick-off), three days after the Jenner Park outfit are at Llandudno.

With a Friday night finale against Carmarthen Town to wrap up the regular season, the challenge of three JD Welsh Premier League fixtures in less than a week could be a particularly demanding one.

However, a point or more against the Robins this Sunday would ensure Barry's qualification for the play-offs, providing Chesterfield with the option of giving his less-experienced players some game time, across the closing week.

Admission for Sunday's JD Welsh Premier League Play-Off Conference clash between Barry Town United and Newtown is £7 (adults), £5 (senior citizens/students) and £3 (children) at the turnstiles.

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Hardy souls tackle Vale Coastal Ultra



Visit glamorgan-gem.co.uk for more photos from the race.

THE Vale Of Glamorgan Coastal Ultra challenge took place on Saturday, April 7, a 32-mile linear route along the Vale coast.

There was also a short course option of 18.5 miles taking in the second half of the route, and as these pictures from Guy Butler-Madden show, it wasn't an event for the faint of heart.



Seaview Lads Angling Club

ON a cool but dry Sunday morning, 14 intrepid anglers entered the latest leg of the doubles competition.

Given that each angler would fish with two rods over eight hours, expectations of a bumper catch were high. Anglers had a choice of where to fish, but most followed the illustrious chairman, Steve Double and Al Peterson who opted to stay on Sully Island.

The fish opted to stay away and faced with another fishless weigh in, Al hatched a plan. Calling upon a lifetime of local knowledge and secrets passed to him by the late Bert, Alan convinced Steve to cast

his baits into rocky 10lb grounds.

Three casts and three eels later, Al had been proven right and his protege, Steve, had a winning weight of over

Only one other angler weighed in, leaving the hapless dozen with nothing to show for their efforts.

Competition heats up at Brynhill

WITH all the third round scores in, it's still a tight competition at Brynhill Golf Club in the Barry & District News competition.

High handicappers Incledon and Searle still lead the field after improving three shots to 51.

They're closely followed by Hewlett and Griffiths who are well placed for the final round, tucked in just one behind on 53, with four pairs sat one further back on 54s including outsiders Tinnuchie and Cook who, along with the Weaver/Underdown partnership, continue to defy the form book.

It's all set for a big finish on Sunday.

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Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for April 9 are as follows:

First, Phil Felman and Tony Disley, 66.67 per cent; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage, 63.54 per cent; third, Simon Gottschalk and Helen Houston, 60.42 per cent.

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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

The feature race at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Point-To-Point Club Steeplechases at Ystradowen last Saturday (April 7) was the John Lovell Memorial Mens Open Race over three miles and six furlongs.

However, to the disappointment of the sparse crowd only one horse - or in this case a mare - was declared to run and this was David Gibbs and Glen Fort's *Frelia* which gave Bradley Gibbs a career second walk-over.

The first, he said, had been on *Ben's Folly* over the same course three or four seasons earlier.

John Lovell, who died in a motoring accident 10 years to the day of the races, was a great supporter of point-to-point racing and back in 1995 had started a betting revolution when introducing a computerised betting system to Britain's racecourses.

Bradley, who is making a bold bid for the national riders' championship, also took the opening Robert Evans Memorial Ystrad Taf Fechan Members Conditions Race, which was a match between the 10-year-old *Benemede*, partnered by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, and Bradley's father's seven-year-old bay gelding *Captain Kennit* who, after leading on the first circuit, was caught three fences from home. However, by the time the last fence had been reached, *Captain Kennit* was back on terms and both horses jumped it together.

In an exciting dash to the winning line, *Captain Kennit* got there first and had half-a-length to spare over the odds-on favourite.

Just four of the 16 entries faced the starter for the Restricted and Pembroke's Jodie Hughes, who is riding better than ever, on the five-year-old bay gelding *Boethius* beat the pacemaking odds-on favourite *Charlie Breckie* (Bradley Gibbs) by one and three quarter lengths after they had jumped the last together - "He flew the last two fences," said a delighted Jodie who had won on the Sherree Lee-trained ex-Tim Vaughan *Boethius* at the earlier Glamorgan fixture.

On that occasion *Boethius* had won in a time some 17 seconds faster!

Robert Jones's seven-year-old bay mare Ann Scott, given a cracking ride by Jodie Hughes, gave Pyle trainer Sherrie Lean her first double when landing the Intermediate race race by three lengths from the odds-on *Nuevo Molino* (Bradley Gibbs) after being two lengths down at the last.

Mr Jones, who lives in Porthcawl, was full of praise for local horse chiropractor Rachel Shilliber who he said had worked wonders to ease the mare's back problem.

Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, aged 20, did well to survive a second last fence blunder on the odds-on *Aerlite Supreme* in the three-horse ladies' open race.

However, Anna Lewis on her 10-year-old chestnut gelding *Tiger Rag*, took full advantage of *Aerlite Supreme*'s mistake to lead going into the final obstacle, only to take a tumble leaving *Aerlite Supreme* to finish alone.

Aerlite Supreme, a winner at the earlier Glamorgan meeting in a much faster time, is owned by Isabel's father, leading Welsh trainer Evan Williams, who was heard to say, after being asked by a racegoer "Would *Aerlite Supreme* had won anyway?", diplomatically and kindly replied: "Well the rider on *Tiger Rag* was unfortunate."

The most impressive winner of the day was Mr JT Phillips' six-year-old French-bred bay gelding *Kovera* who, partnered by Charlie Price, and who rides out for Tim Vaughan, made all to win the Young Horse Maiden by 12 lengths from *Sweet Lady* with the favourite *Persistent Princess* a further six lengths back in third place.

Results from Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section

ON March 13 a nine hole medal was held:

1st Lisa Ryley 44 - 7.5 = 36.5 nett; 2nd Sian Smith 47 - 10 = 37 nett; joint 3rd, Sam Saunders 52 - 14 = 38 nett and Ruth Yates 50 - 12 = 38.

On March 27 an 18 hole Hi-Lo Stableford: 1st Sue Bridle and Rhian Thomas 57 points; 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam and Sam Saunders (56).

On March 25, the Ping qualifier was held with excellent results: 1st Annie Blackburn and Dale Sullivan 45 points,

2nd Sian Smith and Luke Davidson (39), 3rd Ian and Lisa Ryley (35) on back 9 from Steve and Ruth Yates.

A winter eclectic was played from January to March: 1st Sam Saunders 39 - 7 = 32 nett; 2nd Lisa Ryley 37 - 3.75 = 33.25 nett; 3rd Sian Smith and Maxine Hird 39 - 5 = 34.

The ladies section would also like to welcome Matt Coombs, the new professional, to the golf club and wish him every success.

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A former inmate of Tim Vaughan's yard, *Kovera* gave his 20 year-old rider his third winning point-to-point ride. Charlie has also ridden 16 Arab horse racing winners and several more winners in New Zealand.

It is interesting to note that all seven entries for this race went to post.

The 10-year-old chestnut gelding *TheBoss On The Hill* gave owner Steve Hughes and trainer Claire Healey, both from Pontypriid, their first winner when landing the Open Maiden Race by three lengths from the favourite *Free Scorpion* (Byron Moorcroft), who looked like winning but for almost unseating her rider at the last fence.

The winning rider, Craig Dowson, aged 30, who works for Gwent trainer Robert Stephens, was chalking-up his third point-to-point win and he has also partnered a winner under Rules.

EDWARD'S EASY WINNER

Edward Vaughan, the 10-year-old son of Aberthin's Tim and Abbi Vaughan, chalked-up another win at the Bampton Bryan Point-To-Point Steeplechases last Saturday.

Edward, a pupil at Y Bont Faen Primary School, easily won the 138cms pony race on his *Little Replacement* and to date has ridden around 18 winners.

Lily Llewellyn, aged 15, won the 148cms race on her aptly named *Class Act*.

Congratulations must also go to Edward's father, Tim, who recently trained his 700th winner and who can now claim to have saddled a winner at every racecourse in the country.

He must surely be the only trainer in Wales to have achieved this feat and while most of his winners have been over the sticks, he has trained a number of Flat race winners.

FLINT STRIKES AGAIN

Vale trainer John Flint landed the Handicap Hurdle race at Uttoxeter on Saturday with his 10-year-old *Kayf Moss*, which came home five lengths ahead of *Frankly Speaking* and at odds of 10-1.

Kayf Moss was ridden by Jamie Moore.

The opening Conditionals' Handicap Hurdle race was won by Llancarfan's Evan Williams' seven-year-old *Radical Archie* which had three-and-a-half lengths to spare over *Jaunty Thor* at the finish.

Radical Archie, who had been pulled-up on his previous two occasions, was ridden by Conor Ring and was a 14-1 chance.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR ISABEL

Twenty-four hours or so after riding her father Evan Williams' *Aerlite Supreme* to victory at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Point-To-Point Steeplechases on Saturday, Llancarfan's Isabel Williams landed the Electrotec Novices' Handicap Hurdle on 8-1 chance *HoldBackTheRiver* at Exeter.

HoldBackTheRiver was the second leg of a double for Evan who had earlier won the opening novices' selling hurdle with the long odds-on favourite *Under The Woods*, partnered by Connor Ring.

Welsh rider Lorcan Williams (no relation) easily won the open hunters' chase on Chloe Roddick's *Salubrious*, a 4-1 chance who was running for the first time in 752 days.

Bowls club open this weekend

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club will be opening for the season this Saturday, April 14, at 2pm.

We are adjacent to the rugby club car park and are always looking for new players to join us.

We run two men's teams and a ladies team, social bowling on a Monday afternoon with matches and competitions throughout the season.

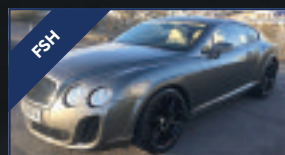
We are looking forward to an exciting season this year with new polo shirts for the teams sponsored by Harris Pye, and we hope to start building a new changing room with disabled facilities in September with the aid of a grant.

Please come along and see what we have to offer and have a go.

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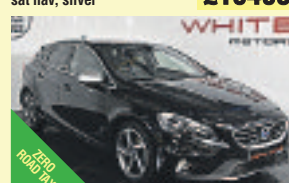
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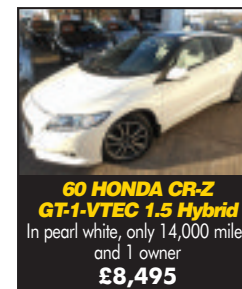
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PENARTH RFC under-16s and supporters recently went on tour to Quimper in Brittany for the 15th Tournoi International De Cornouaille.

Penarth were in a pool of six teams which included a very strong Vannes team with 85 under-16s players to choose from.

A spokesperson reports: "Our first game was against Centre 29, a team from Brittany. With games only 12 minutes one way it was important that we started strongly. Aled Rees and Adam Nilsen scored the tries and the game ended with

a 14-0 victory to Penarth. "Next up was a Belgium national select team who looked physically strong and athletic. Another good performance from the boys saw them win 14-3, and game three was against last year's tournament winners Vannes RC, a professional club in France with a strong junior set up.

"We were told by our host the night before that we would not beat Vannes, but against quality opponents we came away as winners 21-7.

"Plouzane, another team from Brittany were up next. After the last victory confidence was high and the finished 24-

0 to Penarth. Our final game on the Saturday was against Neuilly, based in Paris, and from the start it was obvious they were a good team and for the first time in this tournament we found ourselves down 7-0.

"However, a try from Rhys Gentles under the posts converted by Drew Musa followed by Matt Wiltshire running with real purpose and determination, thoroughly deserving his try, meant the game ended 12-7 and Penarth were pool winners.

"On the Sunday our first opponents were Virginia RFC from Ireland who were staying in the same hotel as us and had already bonded with the boys. At half-time we were up 26-0 and the second half continued in the same fashion with three tries scored by Mason Grady to give us a convincing 46-0 win.

"Our last pool game was against Rennes an academy club based in Brittany with over 80 under-16 players on their books to choose from (at this point we had 16 fit players).

"From the off it was

obvious that they had done their homework on us and it was a messy game, marred by unusual decisions, most notably a controversial last couple of minutes which was ended by the touchline judge who made the call to finish the game after one of the Rennes players got a head injury.

"Despite the absolute heartache the boys held their heads up high and applauded their opponents on their win.

"In the third and fourth-place play off we won 22-3, and a consolation was that our scrum-half, Aled Rees, was voted the best scrum-half of the tournament, a decision made by all the other coaches.

"Rhys Newman, who played every game in the tournament despite suffering from travel sickness, James Steele, for continuing after a dangerous tackle, Max Blakeley and Will Hardy, who picked up injuries just before the tour and cruelly had to sit and watch from the touchline, also deserve praise.

"Over the two days Penarth won seven of

their eight games, scored 25 tries and only conceded two. Apart from their performance on the pitch, the boys were superb in every aspect of the tour and a credit to themselves and the club they represented.

Many thanks to Ruth Wiltshire and Sian Ropaigalach for spearheading the fundraising efforts and everyone else who helped us achieve our fundraising targets - SCP Electricals, The Highwayman, Thompsons Butchers, Vale Garage Services, The Clay Pit Restaurant, David Baker and Boys to Men, it was very much appreciated.

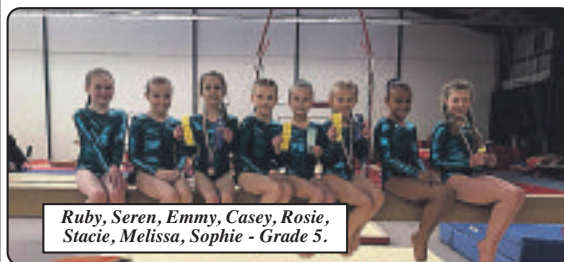
A big thank you to coaches Jason Allen, Nigel Boucher and Phil Musa for their unwavering support and hard work over the last 10 years and they can hand these boys over to youth rugby next season safe in the knowledge that the foundations have been put in place for this very exciting group of players.

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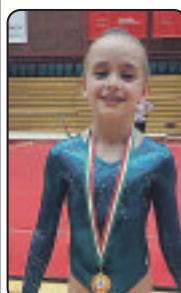
GRADING SUCCESS FOR YMCA BARRY FEMALE GYMNASTS



Taya, Zaya, Lacey, Azaria, Lottie, Nia, Shyla, Katie J, Katie W - Grade 6.



Ruby, Seren, Emmy, Casey, Rosie, Stacie, Melissa, Sophie - Grade 5.



Millie Williams, Welsh Compulsory 4 champion.



Lacey and Roxy Grade 4.

YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club have had a lot of celebrate in recent months with two gymnasts being selected for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Further to this, YMCA Barry have had 20 gymnasts recently complete their annual grading with huge success.

Firstly, in the youngest category, nine eight year old gymnasts completed their Grade 6 in the South Central Wales Grading Championships.

Zaya Niscoveanu, Lacey Jones, Taya Anderson, Katie Wong, Katie Jones, Shyla Mae Brown, Nia Beasley, Lottie Cummins and Azaria Karim all passed their grade with flying colours with fantastically six YMCA Barry gymnasts coming in the top 10 in South Central.

Zaya in 10th, Lacey in ninth, Katie Wong eighth, Nia in fourth, Azaria third as well as becoming the Vault champion and Lottie in second as well as becoming the Range and Conditioning champion.

Nia, Azaria and Lottie, because of their fantastic results, will be representing South Central Wales in the Grade 6 Welsh Championships later this month.

In the Grade 5 category for nine-year-olds, Ruby Clark, Melissa Cookson, Rosie Bishop, Emmy Sadder and Casey Moores demonstrated their excellent skill and again all passed their grade successfully.

In addition, a special mention to Casey who was ninth overall, Rosie sixth and Emmy third overall.

Rosie and Emmy will also be representing South Central Wales at the Welsh Finals.

Furthermore, YMCA Barry had three gymnasts completing their Grade 5 at 10-years-old - Sophie Notton, Stacie Leigh White and Seren Doel. Within this category Seren claimed seventh, Stacie third and Sophie

became the Bars, Range and Conditioning champion as well as becoming the Grade 5 out-of-age South Central Wales champion.

Finally, in the out-of-age Grade 4 category, Roxy Frost and Lacey Williams performed beautifully, with Roxy gaining fourth overall and Lacey becoming the Vault, Floor and Overall out-of-age Grade 4 South Central Grade champion.

YMCA Barry also had Millie Williams competing in the Elite Grade 4 Welsh Championships.

This competition is for nine-year-olds and it the most difficult level of competition for that age group.

The programme is extremely demanding for such young gymnasts and is designed to provide the gymnasts with the foundation to progress to elite gymnastics as they become older.

Millie had an absolutely tremendous competition with the following apparatus results: third on Vault, third on Bars, first on Beam, first on Floor and third on Range & Conditioning.

This results in Millie becoming the Welsh Compulsory 4 Elite Grade champion. Millie will be representing Wales at the upcoming British Championships up against the best nine-year-olds in Great Britain, an absolutely fantastic achievement for Millie and the club.

With all 20 gymnasts passing their grades confidently, Nia, Lottie, Azaria, Rosie, Emmy and Millie will now be working hard in the gym to prepare for all of their finals in April and May.

Are you interested in gymnastics for yourself or your child? YMCA Barry has a range of classes for boys and girls from Gymbabies, recreational classes for all ages, cheerleading, adult gymnastics as well as elite gymnastics for males and females.

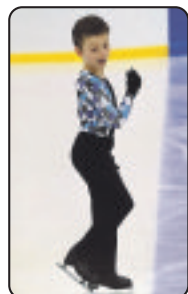
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Young skaters aiming for glory



Mollie Mai.



Taliesin.

MOLLIE MAI (12) and Taliesin (10) are both members of the Cardiff National Ice Skating Club at Ice Arena Wales.

They are both aiming to reach the British Ice Dance Championships this season in their respective solo categories.

In order for this to happen, and have a good chance of qualifying, they both need to pass national tests to achieve a standard and will need to compete in two inter-club competitions, aiming to get scores that will put them in the top 24 skaters at their level.

Both children are coached by Tracey Keeble, who has coached Mollie for 18 months and Taliesin for five years.

Mollie Mai competed at Lee Valley earlier in the year in her first-ever dance competition, at level 3, and claimed her level 4 pattern dance.

She needs to qualify in one more competition, and if she is successful she will compete in the British Championships later in the year.

Taliesin is competing in Deeside in May and is hoping to score enough points to qualify in both pattern dance and free dance so he can compete in the British Championships.

Mollie Mai is a year 7 pupil at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Taliesin is in year 5 of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc.

Last November, they, along with a group of others, were invited to skate as a group to open Winter Wonderland in Cardiff and Swansea and at Cardiff they were both interviewed live on s4c by the Heno programme.

Both skaters are very talented and dedicated youngsters and they are looking for sponsorship to give them the best opportunity to get them to the British Championships.

Mollie Mai's mother would like to thank the generosity of a complete stranger who donated £90 so she can compete in the next competition.

For more information please email helengermon@hotmail.co.uk or am-s@sky.com.

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Another winner for Isabel

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams, aged 20, chalked-up her fifth winner between-the-flags when landing the ladies' open race at the rainsoaked South Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Lydstep on Easter Monday.

Riding her grandmother Mary Evans' 10-year-old Hold

Court she beat the oddly-named Hospital, partnered by Ellen Nicholls, after holding up the ex-National Hunt performer until three fences from home. Isabel has also ridden five winners under Rules.

Another rider from the Vale to ride a winner at this meeting was Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, who, riding the seven-year-old bay gelding *Mason Dixon*, just managed to hold off Ben Jones's mount *Chasing Casey* in the

restricted open race.

Mason Dixon, who is qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt, is trained by Pontypridd's Kieron Price.

Bradley Gibbs, who is making a bold bid for the national riders' championship, rode a four-timer.

He took the hunt members' race on Way Wild West, the open maiden event on *Court In Flight*, the intermediate race on *The Girl From Milan* and the men's open on *Moral Hazard*.

However, the most popular winner of the day came in the aged open maiden race when Carmarthenshire Hunt enthusiast Bobby Thomas had a much-deserved and long-overdue first win on *Padre Tito*.

This horse has narrowly missed victory on several occasions and owned by Bobby, his mother and an uncle, *Padre Tito* has been hunted regularly with the Carmarthen, and both he and Bobby represent the traditional grass roots of point-to-pointing.

BRIAN LEE

Barrivale Bridge Club results

RESULTS for Barrivale Bridge Club on March 27:

1. Celia & Huw Thomas 65.10%, 2. Peter Millar & Mark Roderick 60.94%, 3. Reg Dyer & Ken Hannah 57.81%.

The handicap winners were Celia and Huw Thomas.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us please ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call

at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address, where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

While our current class for beginners continue to run on Friday mornings new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginner's class commencing in September 2018.

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Seaweeds earn vital and hard-fought away win over the league leaders



ABOVE LEFT: Morgan Heylock with the ball and Will Robinson in support, and ABOVE RIGHT: Jordan Fox with the ball, Morgan Heylock in support. ALL PICTURES BY TRACEY WILLIAMS.

P O R T H C A W L RFC, having reached the Bowl final the week before, faced another stern test on Saturday as they visited league leaders Birchgrove on a rather miserable afternoon

weather-wise.

This was always going to be a challenge but with the Seaweeds' seven matches in hand over Birchgrove, the win was crucial.

Full-back Ben Thomas got the visitors off to a great start when he slotted a 35-metre penalty for 0-3 after just

seven minutes play. He followed this up minutes later with a brilliant catch of an attacking kick by the home side, transferring the ball to flanker Owen Thomas but the promising move finally came to grief with a dropped pass. Birchgrove are not a big side, however their

strong and committed pack soon set out its stall with a driving game that drew the very best of out of Porthcawl's defensive qualities.

It wasn't pretty stuff, with the home backs having to play a bit part save for the odd time that the ball found its way out wide and the Seaweeds were under the cosh in having to keep the defensive line intact for long periods.

The half-time score of just Thomas' penalty to nil was truly reflective of just what a tough and attritional half it had been, with the wet conditions making a handling game much more difficult, although this is where Porthcawl were likely to need the upper hand in the second half to win the match.

The home side got back on terms pretty smartly with a penalty from 32 metres from fly-half Dan Evans, before Jon Phillips, at fly-half for Porthcawl with Josh White out injured, fed Ben Thomas cutting through with four-on-two but he cut back inside. However, Birchgrove fell offside at the ensuing ruck and Thomas popped over the penalty for 3-6.

The home side's appetite for in-your-face rugby, taking the ball and driving up the middle, showed no signs of abating in this second spell and when their chance for getting back on terms transpired, the penalty kick was so well off target it found its way to Porthcawl wing Jake Thomas just 10 metres from his own line.

In a move that led to

MAESTEG Celtic travelled to play Taibach, missing four key players, only to find that their opponents were also short due to a party in Prague!

The game began with passive scrums with Taibach playing down the slope. They kicked off deep into the Celtic 22 and immediately put pressure on the Celtic defence.

They were awarded a scrum and their scrum half ran to the blind side, drew the defence and put his right wing over in the corner.

Ten minutes later they once again kicked deep into the Celtic 22 and won a turnover. An excellent flat long pass put the wing clear once more and he ran in unopposed. The try was converted.

Celtic settled down and carried the ball at their opponents.

Repeated drives by the forwards took the ball to the Taibach line and scrum half Leon Evans touched down.

The Taibach half backs kicked at every opportunity and kept Celtic in their own half for much of the play.

Centre Mathew Harris kicked a penalty into touch in the home 22. Hooker Mathew Phillips found lineout master Alex Jones who was driven at the try line.

The drive was stopped and scrum half Evans passed to second row Rhys Bevan Jones on the burst to break the defence and touchdown. Mathew Harris converted.

The second half was a different affair with Celtic in command. Props Ryan Jones and captain Sean Lambert defended strongly and carried repeatedly.

Second rows Alex Jones and Rhys Bevan Jones made their presence felt strongly.

The back row of Callum Bowen, Jonathan Davies and Mark Hillier-Rees worked tirelessly in attack and defence to keep the pressure on the



Man of the match Rhys Bevan Jones scoring his second try.

home team.

The Taibach plan to kick over the rush defence by centres James Jones and Mathew Harris was easily cancelled out by back three Ben Poole, Lloyd Jenkins and Sam Mines.

Mathew Harris put Celtic ahead with a penalty before outside half Luke Richards kicked over the full back from halfway, which resulted in Leon Evans tackling him deep in his 22.

Man of the match Rhys Bevan Jones once again followed up at pace

and ran over in the corner for his second try.

Celtic's bonus point try came when Mathew Harris intercepted on the 10-metre line and ran in unopposed. Harris also converted.

The final try came from a melee on halfway, from which full back Lloyd Jenkins suddenly appeared with the ball and ran clear to touch down under the posts; Harris converted to conclude the scoring at 34-12.

Celtic's lead at the top of the table is slowly increasing.

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Junior players heading for Principality Stadium

DUE to the collaboration between Pencoed Comprehensive School and Bridgend College in terms of Sixth Form provision, the senior rugby team has, for the second year, been run under the banner of Penybont Sixth Form College.

As a result, the school's own players have joined forces with those based in the college who were not playing regular rugby there.

A favorable first round draw in the Plate competition saw Penybont playing home against Ysgol David Hughes from Menai Bridge in north Wales.

A good overall performance was capped by an outstanding individual try from back row forward Ashley Bissett, who raced in from 60 metres. In the last 16, Penybont hosted local rivals Llangynwyd. In what was a very tense, scrappy game, Penybont wrestled their way to a 5-0 win and a place in the quarter-finals.

The first away game of the campaign saw the side given the opportunity to play Bryncelynog Comprehensive at Pontypridd RFC on their artificial pitch.

In an excellent advert for school rugby, Penybont went two scores ahead at the 'House of Pain' and seemingly had secured the win.

Bryncelynog battled back and, in the dying moments of the game, went ahead for the first time.

Showing huge composure, Penybont kept possession and substitute wing Liam Sheard shrugged off three would-be tacklers to score near the posts and win the game.

Due to time constraints, exam moderation and staff INSET, Penybont were left with no other option than to play their semi-final game against Bassaleg, Newport on the Thursday before Good Friday.

The commitment of the players to come into school on the first day of their holidays was appreciated by everyone involved.

Centre pairing Josh Sands and Tom Bending were collected early from their A-Level Geography field trip in west Wales by coach Mr Ronan in order to play.

In horrific conditions, Penybont took their opportunities to score without dominating possession statistics. Full-back Tom George was on form with the boot, kicking 13 points in a 23-19 win.

As a result, Penybont now have the opportunity to run out at the Principality Stadium on April 18 and write their own chapter in Bridgend School's rugby history.

Amman Valley stand in their way in what will be a fantastic occasion for all players and supporters alike.

The coaches would like to thank everyone involved with the squad for their support this year and to Vantage Quality of Pencoed for generously agreeing to sponsor warm up tops for the game.

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